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THIS BOOK.

This book "The Colourful Personalities of Sind" needs a biographical sketch more than any one else.

After having a restful rest with my dear friend K. B. Mahomed Nawaz Khan at Dhadar (Baluchistan), I came to Karachi in February 1943. The idea of writing this book occurred to me then. I started collecting material in March 1943. There were many difficulties in the way. But I have not learnt failure because throughout my life I have never failed in anything which I had undertaken. I started my life as a Persian teacher in my beloved school N. H. Academy of Hyderabad where I was once a student and succeeded to be the Principal of the Karachi Academy one of the leading High Schools of the time. I started my New Sind a Weekly English Paper after giving up the teaching profession and made it one of the most widely circulated and dreaded papers of Sind. Who does not remember New Sind! A critic friend may say that I left teaching and journalistic career because I failed. But my answer to him is to succeed it to fail and failure is the only success worth aiming at. I therefore, faced the odds that I had to encounter while collecting material for this book. There was the difficulty of getting paper, which was easily solved by the kind generosity of my old paper suppliers Lala Bansi Dhar Kapoor, the paper Prince of Punjab. Then came the most difficult task of facing the storm raised by some adventurers who had robbed Sind for some years telling them that they were publishing such a book which they had not published upto this day. No sooner these difficulties were overcome than came the most difficult task namely, that the book of this kind could not be published without the permission of the Government of India. I had to run to Delhi with my MSS and got the necessary No Objection Certificate from the Chief Press Advisor, Delhi, who was all the kindness and courtesy to me. I am really grateful to him and his assistants who were all helpful.

The last but not the least was the task of getting the book printed before January 1944, because by this time public started suspecting me and coupling me with those adventurers who had robbed them. In this I was greatly assisted by the entire management of Sind Observer Press, from the Managing Director to the Job Manager, to them I owe my thanks. Because of this hurrycurry, the book has not been printed in a form in which I wished it to be printed. There is no regular arrangement nor are all

Colourful Personality of Sind included. The most towering personalities like late Honourable Ghulam Mahomed Bhurgri, late Sadhu Hiranand and Sadhu Navalrai, late Mirza Kalech Beg and my late beloved Principals Shahani and Rao Bahadur Pribhdas Shewakram and many more who are not in this publication because of the difficulties mentioned above.

Next year i.e. 1945 the book will come out in its real form. This year I crave the indulgence of my clients. It will be sheer ingratitude on my part if I do not thank all those who have helped me to complete this book by giving me their account, photo etc. I thank them from the very bottom of my heart and I am sure they will extend the same courtesy and kindness this year too.

M. U. ABBASSI.

NOTE:—Many colourful personalities have sent their accounts to appear in SIND YEAR BOOK but as they have been received late, they could not be included this year. The space for next year has been reserved for them.

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INTRODUCTION.

SIND AND SEPARATION.

Sind is one of the two provinces created in 1936, the other being Orissa. Unlike the latter, which has been carved out on a linguistic basis from three older provinces, Sind was a compact unit and was considered a province within a province even before its separation. From the point of view of Geography, ethnology and language Sind has greater affinity to the Punjab than to Bombay. Nevertheless it has been attached to the Bombay Presidency administratively ever since its conquest by Sir Charles Napier in 1843.

The demand for its separation into a distinct political entity is of comparatively recent origin. It was only about a dozen years ago that Muslim leaders started the demand that Sind, where the Muslims are in an overwhelming majority, should have separate administrative machinery under the next reformed constitution, so that it might be a counterblast to provinces where the Hindus are in a majority. What was started as a bargaining point in inter-communal negotiations has now become an accomplished fact.

The Muslim delegation at the first Round Table Conference put forward the demand in London in the winter of 1930. The question was referred to a committee which accepted the principle of separation, suggested an expert inquiry to ascertain the financial aspect of the separation, and threw the burden of proving the feasibility of separation on those who asked for it. An expert inquiry was held and it drew a gloomy picture of the financial future of Sind. Its findings can best be summarised by its remark, "there is thus obviously no question of Sind standing surety for the Barrage—the problem is whether the Barrage can stand surety for Sind".

It is also understood that the Central Government will have to come to the rescue of Sind by providing the funds to meet the deficit in the first few years. In order to make arrangements for such a subvention to Sind and Orissa and for other weak provinces and generally to adjust the financial relations between the Central and the provinces under the provincial autonomy scheme, Sir Otto Niemeyer, a financial expert was asked to conduct an inquiry. He completed his investigations and submitted his report, according to which Sind gets a cash subvention of Rs. 105 lakhs for a period of ten years, after which the aid will be progressively decreased.

While on the subject of help from the centre, it may be mentioned that, according to the Niemeyer recommendations, Sind will get after the first five years of provincial autonomy 2 per cent of the distributable portion of the income tax revenue.

Population.

Sind has an area of 48,136 sq. miles and a population of 4,535,008. Of this the Hindus (including scheduled castes) number 1,229,926 and the Muslims 3,208,325, the rest of the population is made up of 20,209 Christians; 31,011 Sikhs, 3,687 Jains, 3,838 Parsis; 1,082 Jews and 36,930 others. According to the Census of 1941, 389,333 males and 90,020 females in the province of Sind are literate, representing 15.6% and 4.4% of the total male and female population respectively. 138,249 Muslim males and 16,416 Muslim females; 231,869 Hindu males and 64,498 Hindu females are literate. The language of the province, Sindhi though it bears many marks of Arabic and Persian influence and is written in Perso-Arabic script is nearer the original Sanskrit than any other Indian language. The Hindus are far more advanced than the Muslims and enjoy virtual monopoly of the trade of the province. As against 263 Hindu literate males per 1,000, only 44 Muslims per 1,000 are literate; 51 per 1,000 literate Hindu females compare against five literate Muslim females. The number of those literate in English are 119 per 10,000—186 per 10,000 males and 34 per 10,000 females.

Out of every 100 workers in Sind 59 are engaged in agriculture and animal husbandry. Ten per cent, are engaged in manufacturing industries most of which are, however, of the cottage type, there being very few factories in Sind.

The cultivable area of the province is mostly commanded by the recently constructed Sukkur Barrage and Sind Canals, which with other canals and the Indus river itself, supply water to 7,500,000 acres. The Barrage works have cost nearly 24 crores of rupees. The Sindhi agriculturist is gradually becoming alive to the perennial regulated supply of irrigation and his outlook is becoming brighter. The rapidity with which lands supplied by the Barrage system are being taken up augurs well for the success of the scheme and the prosperity of the province as a whole. Already there has been a growth in the production of long staple cotton, all of which is easily absorbed by the Indian textile mills.

Indian States in Sind.

KHAIRPUR.

The State of Khairpur lies in Upper Sind. It is bounded on the East by Jodhpur and Jessalmere territories and on the North, West and South by British Districts of Sind. The climate is similar to the rest of Sind. The maximum temperature in summer is 117° in the shade and the minimum in winter 30°. The nearest hill station is Quetta, 5,500 feet about sea level. Rainfall is scares, the last 13 years average being 4°-0". The area of the State is about 6,050 square miles. The population of the State according to the census of 1941 is 305,787 of whom 83% are Muslims. The majority of them are cultivators. Others are engaged in trade, State services and labour. The Muslims are mainly Sunnis, but the Ruler and his family and some others are Shias. The State's income from all sources for 1940-41 was Rs. 27,77,131. The relations of the State with the British Government are those of subordinate alliance. The State pays no tribute either to the British Government or to any other State. The language of the State is Sindhi. Urdu and English are also spoken. The chief products of the State are grain and cotton which are cultivated on irrigation canals taking off from the Indus river at the Lloyd Barrage and to a small extent on well. Oil-seeds, ghee, hides, tobacco, Fuller's earth "met", carbonate of Soda, and wool are also produced. The manufactures comprise cotton, silken and woollen fabrics, lacquer work, carpets and pottery. The Rulers are Muslim Talpur Balochs and belong to the Shia sect. Previous to the accession of this family on the fall of the Kalhora dynasty of Sind in 1783, the history of the State belongs to the general history of Sind. In that year Mir Fatehali Khan Talpur established himself as Ruler of Sind and subsequently his nephew, Mir Sohrab Khan Talpur, founded the Khairpur branch of the Talpur family. In 1882 the individuality of the Khairpur State was recognised by the British Government. The Ruler is first-class prince and is entitled to a permanent salute of 15 guns outside and 17 guns inside the State limits. Present Mir His Highness Mir Faiz Mahomed Khan Talpur of Khairpur State. Born on 4th January 1913. Ascended the Gadi on 30th April 1936. Resident for Punjab States :—The Hon'ble Mr. C. L. Corfield, C.I.E., M.C., I.C.S., Minister: Khan Bahadur S. Ijaz Ali, M.B.E. (Retired Collector, United Provinces).

Fisheries in Sind.

Taking into consideration the limited sea board and the number of fishing villages, Sind has a rich sea fishery. Dur-

ing the year 1940-41, 26,526 maunds of fish were transported by rail to upcountry stations from Karachi and 62,870 cwts. of dried fish were transported to distant markets like South Africa, Hongkong, Singapore, Malaya and Colombo. The fishing grounds are located not only around Karachi, but as far away to the south east as Kutch and towards north as Sommiani. Vigorous drift net fishing is carried out in the sea board specially between 10 to 20 fathoms deep and right up to 60 miles due south of Karachi for important economic fish like Ghol, Surmai, Goor, Sol, Rawans, Choki, Kargoon, Pitho, Hiro, Mullan, Sang, Sangro, Gissur Kandri, Kar, Liaro, etc., etc.

Extensive fish curing operations are carried on with the duty-free coloured salt manufactured in Sind and the product supplied to Markets in Colombo, Burma, Malaya, etc. An important fishery for prawn exists in the creeks of Bramhyderi and good quantities of dried prawns were being exported from this centre till recently. A good number of Sharks (Saw fish, Hammer head, and several general of ordinary sharks) are captured specially during August and September and February and March. One variety, the "basking" shark (Rhinodon typicus) which grows as large as 60 ft. is occasionally fished for with harpoons. Its liver which yields tons of oil is the main product utilised. Oil was extracted from shark liver by a crude process which yielded redish brown oil useful for seasoning wood (fishing boats and their fittings). Hygienic process of extracting the shark liver oil, by which its vitamin potency is comparatively unimpaired, is being introduced. Trial of one sample of this oil showed the unprecedented richness of 190,000 international units of Vitamin "A" per gramme whereas the cruder oil contained 1,300 I.U. of Vitamin "A" per gramme.

There are two distinct oyster-fisheries in Sind, both present in the creeks which constitutes the mouth of the Indus and its net work, specially between Karachi and Keti-bunder. These are (1) Edible Oyster and (2) the window-pane oyster which yields pearls. A fishery held in 1941-42 for the former, restricted to select beds, yielded only Rs. 500/-. The last fishery for pearl oysters was held during 1926-28.

The most popular fish in the Indus is the Pulla or Palloh (the well known Indian shad). This fishery is under the control of the Revenue Department who lease out different stretches of the Indus. The Dumbra and other fresh water Carps and prawns are other items in the Indus fisheries.

The Hub river which forms the west boundary from Sind and Baluchistan, contain the well-known sporting fish-Mahseer (Barbustor).

Aphanius dispar (Cyprinodon dispar-Day) a well known mosquito larvaevorous fish is present in fresh water pools around Karachi and is used to a certain extent to combat malaria.

The North Western Railway in Sind.

The North-Western State Railway began its existence at the Sind-Punjab-Delhi Railway, which was promoted by a Company under the original form of guarantee and extended to Delhi, Multan and Lahore and from Karachi to Kotri. The interval between Kotri and Multan was unbridged and the railway traffic was exchanged by a ferry service. In 1871-72 sanction was given for the connection of this by the Indus Valley State Railways and at the same time the Punjab Northern State Railway from Lahore towards Peshawar was begun. In 1886 the Sind-Punjab-Delhi Railway was acquired by the State and amalgamated with these two Railways under the name of the North Western State Railway. It is the longest railway in India under one administration.

Mileage open - - - -	6,941.43
Capital at charge - - -	Rs. 1,47,91,78,000
Net earning - - - -	Rs. 6,91,06,000
Earnings per cent - - -	4.67%

Cinemas in Sind.

North West Frontier Circuit:—Comprising North West Frontier Province (pop.) 2,425,076 ; Sind 3,887,070 ; Baluchistan 463,508 ; Baluchistan States 405,109 ; North West Frontier (Agencies and Tribal Areas) 2,259,288. Total Pop. 9,440,051 ; No. of Stations 36. No. of Cinemas 76.

Historical Centres in Sind.

Mohenjo-Daro.—The ruins of Mohenjo-Daro (the Domain of the Departed) are situated eight miles off Dorki station (B.N.W.R.). Indian archaelogical history dates from the 3rd century B.C. The excavated remains in Mohenjo-Daro belong to the last city, which had been built on ancient cities, which are suspected generally to be lower than the water level. All the objects found have not yet been studied in detail and there are reasons to think that the yield of even the upper layer cannot be strictly confined within 2750 B.C. and the subsequent period. Excavations of the lower strata may be expected to yield the remains of an older period. Failure to read the characters of the seals and inextensiveness of excavation continue to fortify the sealed character of its ancient inhabitants and their civilisation. It is a very

remarkably well-planned city. All the streets were laid south to north. Nothing is more welcome to an Indian city than the south wind. The city had necessarily grown most towards the south. Lanes are free from a general deviating or serpentine character. Homes were two-storeyed and the staircases lead not to the lower story but to outside. This feature is not unknown in the houses in the hills. Covered balconies or open porticoes are conspicuous by their absence. The courtyards are to an extent small. Proximity of the dwellings points to a very crowded city. Mohenjo-Daro is a city of bricks, fire burnt and sun-burnt. It had probably stressed more on drainage then any other ancient city. Evidence of underground drains are to be found everywhere. They are large and high and provided with manholes. The vastness of the drainage surely reflects the greatness of the structures, now very much lost to view. It is not known, however, whether the drains led to any common dumping place away from the city, although soak pits have been noticed, but from their size one cannot be sure that they were used as the main dumping grounds. A flight of steps into one of them would rather suggest that they proved minor temporary repositories, refused from which has been systematically scraped off. Bathrooms are another feature significant of the cleanliness of the city.

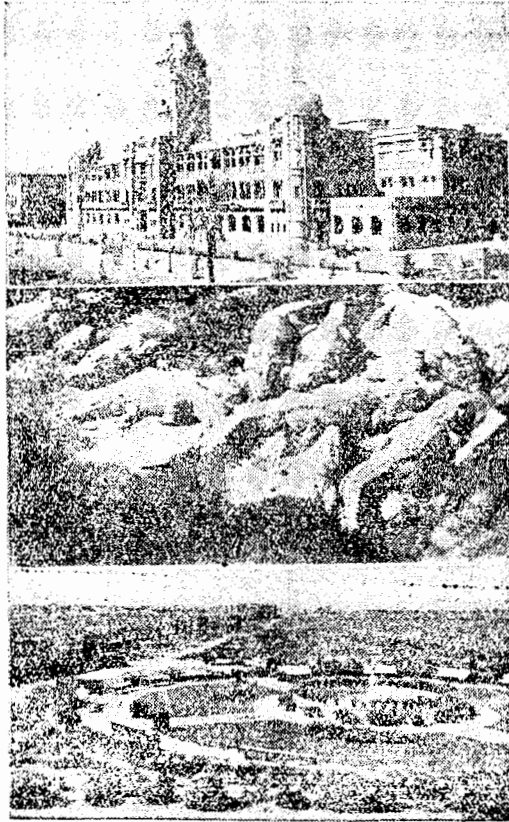
The objects found in the remain mainly consist of Jewelleries, potteries, figures (human and animal) and toys. The seals have on them inscribed characters of a conventionalised form of pictograph writing, which have not yet been deciphered. Most of them are of steatite and of square size. The more common animal is difficult to be indentified. It has features both equine and bovine, with one horn only.

Karachi.

No account of Sind will be complete without a reference to its capital, Karachi. It is a comparatively new town, for according to known facts it was as recently as 1729 that a few traders of the neighbouring state of Kalat migrated to the "Kalachi" the land of the sand-dunes.

It was several years later that its potentialities as a harbour were realised by the British—Sir Charles Napier, the Conquerer of Sind, is said to have forecast that Karachi would some day become "the Queen of the East." Recent developments in Karachi hold out fresh hopes of this prediction being fulfilled, forthwith the growth of aviation, Karachi which is on the main line of Imperial Aerial Communication between London and Australia right across India, is bound

to become a vital airport, if it is not already one. In addition to being the capital of Sind, Karachi is the outlet for the products of the Punjab. If the Barrage becomes all that is expected of it, Karachi may have to handle in 1960 a very large portion of the produce mentioned above of the Barrage produce as also the produce from 429,800 acres of Dubari cropped land. That this is not altogether utopian is evident from the fact that within seven years of the commencement of Barrage operations, that is, by the end of 1942 the following acres were under cultivation in the Barrage Zone. 1,014,104 acres under wheat, 822,191 acres under cotton and 580,631 acres under rice.

SCENES FROM KARACHI.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, MANGO PIR AND CLIFTON.

The late Mr. Allah Baksh, was born in Shikarpur in a well-known Baluchi family of Sumros. He was educated in his native town, his career as student having cut short by the death of his father. At the age of twenty he took up the management of his father's estate. At this age also he was elected to the Sukkur District Local Board and within a short time became its Chairman. Afterwards he was elected to the Bombay Legislative Council, and continued to represent Sind there for nine years upto the separation of the province from Bombay. In the first election to the Sind Legislative Assembly, he was returned on the United Party ticket. His chief, Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto, having failed to be returned to the Assembly, Mr. Allah Baksh was elected Leader of the Party and also Leader of the Opposition. The following year the first Ghulam Hussain Ministry was defeated on a snap vote, and Mr. Allah Baksh was invited to form Government with the help of the Congress Party.

The Allah Baksh Ministry continued to function for the next year, but was defeated on the Agricultural Marketing Bill. Thereupon the whole Ministry resigned and a League Ministry under Mir Bundeh Ali Khan Talpur was formed. This Ministry continued for about eight months, during which time Maulana Abul Kalam Azad visited Karachi and attempted to form an All-Parties Government to curb lawlessness in the province. Under the Azad Pact, Mr. Allah Baksh joined the Mir Ministry as Finance Member. From 1941 when the Ministry fell, Mr. Allah Baksh again enjoyed a spell of power as Premier till he was "dismissed" last year.

In 1940, he along with other Nationalist Muslims, formed the Azad Muslim Conference in Delhi. He was President of the Conference ever since its inception.

At the end of September 1942 he renounced his titles of O.B.E. and Khan Bahadur. In his letter to the Viceroy, Mr. Allah Baksh observed: "Instead of giving their co-operation to various Indian parties and communities in settling their differences, and parting with power, the policy of the British Government has been to continue their imperialist hold on India and persist in keeping her under subjection, use political and communal differences for propaganda purposes and crush the national forces to serve their own imperialistic aims and intentions." This was followed by his dismissal on October 10, 1942, when a *communique* issued from Government House, Karachi, stated that in the light of the discussions arising out of the ex-Premier's renunciation of titles for reasons disclosed in the letter published, His Excellency "has had no option but to inform Mr. Allah Baksh that he no longer possesses the Governor's confidence and that he cannot in consequence continue to hold office."

The question of Mr. Allah Baksh's dismissal was raised in the House of Commons on October 15, 1942 by Mr. Sorenson. Mr. Amery replying to him, observed: "I had, of course, been consulted on the situation created by his letter to the Viceroy and had agreed as to the impropriety in the light of it, of his continuing the office; but the final decision to dismiss him was taken by the Governor only after personal discussion which owing to the Premier's absence from Sind, could not take place until October 10." To a specific question whether the reason of his dismissal was the renunciation of the titles, Mr. Amery said "No, that is an indication of his general attitude which was one of direct disapproval of the measures taken by the Government of India to restore order in a grave crisis and complete indentification in a published statement of himself with the attitude of the Congress."

Despite his differences with the Governor on consitutional measures, Sir Hugh Dow paid Mr. Allah Baksh the following tribute in his reply to the civic address presented to him by the Sukkur Municipality in January 1942: "I count myself fortunate in having a Prime Minister and a Government who, while anxious as any to secure further political advance for this country, are not prepared to bargain for that by risking all the tremendous advance that has been made during the last 30 years."

By the death of Allah Baksh, Sind has lost a Hero who was the pride of our province.

Major H. H. Mir Haji Sir Ahmad Yar Khan, G.C.I.E., **Beglar Begi, Amir-ul-Amara, Ghalib Jang Bahadur, Khan of Kalat.**

Born: 1904. Educated privately by special tutors. Received Military training in the regular Army; served as Captain and Adjutant in Zhob Militia. Is honorary commandant of Mekran Levy Corps. His Highness speaks Iranian, 'Pushto, Baluchi, Barohi, Urdu and English languages fluently.

Hobbies: Riding, Hunting and Motoring. Succeeded to the Khanate: September 1933.

Married in 1933, the daughter of Sardar Ali Jan a scion of Muhammadzai, the Royal family of Afghanistan.

Heir-Apparent: Prince Muhammad Daud Khan, born 1940.

Salute: 19 guns (Hereditary).

His Highness belongs to Ahmadzai family which came into power in 1666-67, when Mir Ahmad I (after whom the family is named) took possession of Kalat after defeating the Moghal Governor and consolidated practically the whole of western and southern Baluchistan into an organised State. The independence of Kalat was formally recognised by the British Government by the treaty of 1876, when the Khan promised loyal co-operation with the Government.

Kalat is the 3rd largest State in India and occupies an important strategic position. It extends from British Baluchistan on the north to the Arabian sea in the south and from Sindh in east to Iran in the west.

Area of the State: 73278 sq. miles.

Population: 3,42,101 (according to 1931 census).

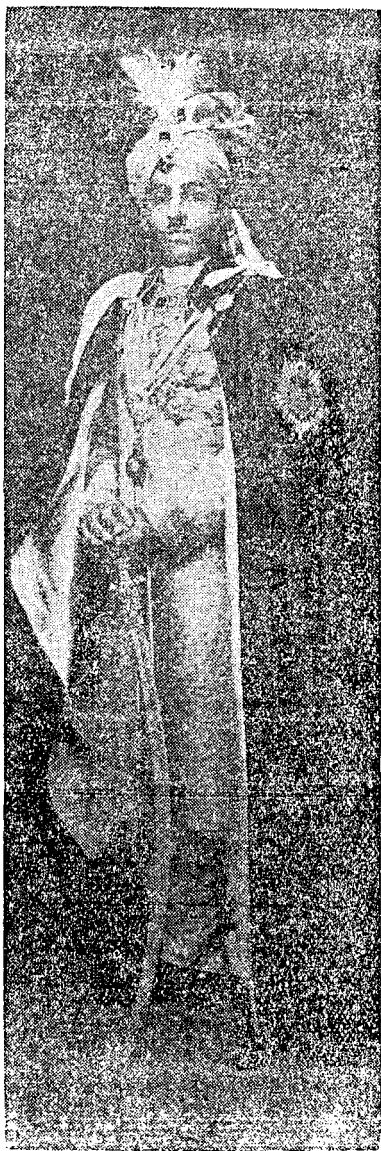
H. H. takes very keen interest in the moral and material welfare of his subjects and contributes a sum of Rs. 50,000 out of his Privy purse for the advancement of education, which is now free in all the stages, primary, middle, high, theological and industrial, throughout the State.

Kalat town the capital of the State, is 91 miles from Quetta and is 6,783 feet above sea level. The winter headquarters are at Dhader, 16 miles from Sibi. Pasni, Jiwani, Sonmiani and Gawadur are sea ports.

The administration is divided into two sections: the Wizarat and the Durbar, the former in charge of the Wazir-i-Azam, and the latter entrusted to the Secretary Durbar.

Wazir-i-Azam: Major L. A. G. Pinhey, I.A.

Secretary Durbar: Mir Abdul Aziz Khan.

Private Secretary: Mr. Adur-Rauf Khan, M.A., LL.B. (Alig.)

Ala-Hazrat Lieut.-Colonel His Highness Rukn-ud-Daula, Nusrat-i-Jang, Saif-ud-Daula, Hafiz-ul-Mulk, Mukhlis-ud-Daula, wa Muinud-Daula, Nawab Al-Haj Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan, Abbasi, Bahadur, V. G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., K.C.V.O., LL.D. **Nawab Ruler of Bahawalpur** was born on 30th September, 1904, succeeded to *Gadi* on 4th March, 1907, on the death of his father. He was invested with full ruling powers on 8th March, 1924. The territory which he rules is 22,000 square miles is area with a population of 1,500,000 people and annual revenue of 16,000,000 rupees. Bahawalpur in a biggest Muslim State in Northern India. Bahawalpur State which has an area of 22,000 square miles is 2nd State in the Punjab State Agency whereas the first Patiala has an area of 6,000 square miles only. Contrary to the areas, the way in which Bahawalpur State is managed by the present ruler, it should be the first State in Punjab States Agency, because every day Bahawalpur State is expanding and improving as it has the space to expand and improve whereas Patiala State has none. The modern schemes and methods which the present ruler has introduced along with the best administration, places Bahawalpur in the first State in the Punjab States Agency. His Highness is entitled to a permanent salute of 17 guns.

His Highness was educated at Aitchison Chief's College, Lahore. In 1921 His Highness was granted a commission as an Hon. Lieutenant in the Indian Army and was attached to the 21st King George's Own Central India Horse. In November 1921, and again in February, 1923, His Highness went to Bombay on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, where he had the honour of being attached as an Hon. A. D. C. His Highness was invested with the honour of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. In 1929 and 1931 H. H. was invested with the dignities of Knight Commander of the Order of the Star of India and Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India and Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire. In 1932 His Highness was promoted to the Hon. rank of Major and again in 1941 H. H. promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

In 1923, on the occasion of the Special Jubilee Convocation of the Punjab University, the Hon. degree of LL.D. was conferred on His Highness on 22nd March, 1924. His Highness was blessed with an heir Sahibzada Mahomed Abbas, Abbasi. His Highness has travelled extensively and has been to England 1913-14, 1924, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935 and received by His Majesty the King Emperor at all occasions. His Highness attended the Coronation of His Majesty the King Emperor in London 1937. H. H. is a member of H. E. the Viceroy's War Defence Council, India.

His Highness is a very popular ruler because he has always followed a progressive and liberal policy in the conduct of administration. In fact the State has prospered because of peace and prosperity brought about by His Highness' able, energetic and efficient rule. His Highness is entitled to be received and visited by the Viceroy. His Highness is a member of the Chamber of Princes.

He is the first Ruling Prince to fly to and back from Europe.

H. H. is a Colonel-in-Chief of Bahawalpur State Forces.

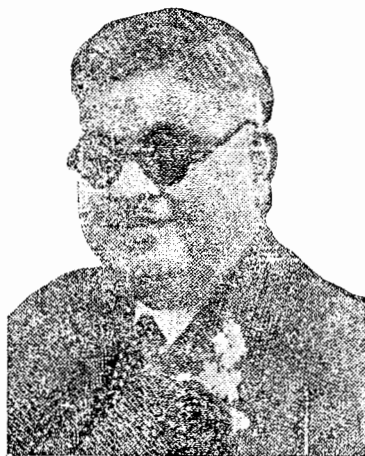
Recreations :—Shooting, Polo, Motoring, Tennis Philately.

His Highness The Right Hon. Sir Sultan Mahomed Shah Agha Khan, G.C.I.E., (1902), G.C.S.I., (1911), G.C.V.O., (1923), K.C.I.E., (1898); LL.D., Hon. Camb. Brilliant Star of Zanzibar (1900), 1st Class: Head of Ismail Mohammedans. Born in 1875, he has all through his life worked, and is still working untiringly for the uplift of the entire Moslem World and is the greatest living Moslem in the Islamic World. He is the Patron of the Western Islamic Association, an association which has built Mosques all over England, and is also connected with the London Mosque Fund and the Indigent Moslem Burial Fund in England. He represented the Moslems on the Montague Chelmsford Reforms and zealously fought for Moslem political rights as the head of the Moslem delegation at the Round Table Conference. He has been granted the rank and status of a first class Chief, with a salute of eleven guns, in recognition of his loyal services during the European War. He is a great sport and own a remarkably good string of thorough-bred horses, which has won for him a number of trophies in England and in India. He has his own stud in England and he is the first Indian to win the Derby. He is a vigorous writer to the press and is also the author of various publications including "India in Transition"

His Highness Major Prince Aly Khan is son of the celebrated Agha Khan, he is a strong and sturdy young man of some 30 summers. A keen sportsman, fond of riding and shooting, he has already shown promise of following in the footsteps of his illustrious father as a leading turf celebrity. He is deeply interested in matters connected with social welfare, such as child welfare, girls education, boy scouting, and general hygiene. He has travelled all over the world, and has a winning personality. At present he is a Major in the army, and is doing his bit in the defence of India.

Mr. Mahomedali Jinnah, born at Karachi some seventy years ago, hails from a business family of Karachi Khojas. Sind's leading Muslim High School can proudly claim him as her product as he was educated in the Sind Madressah. Even in his school days he gave indication of robust independence, which later on was to be the chief characteristic of his political life. After his return from England as a Barrister at Law, he seriously plunged in all India politics. He took his apprenticeship at the feet of such Indian stalwarts as Sir Dadabhoy Nawrozjee and Gokhale. His remarkable debating ability marked him out early in his career as the coming man of Indian politics. All along his life he has resisted the temptation of a Government prize post, which has been the grave of so many promising politicians. A staunch believer in joint electorates and Hindu Muslim unity, he later on declared himself to be a disillusioned man, due to the machinations of politicians who were manoeuvring for Hindu hegemony. Under him All India Muslim League policy had undergone a complete metamorphosis. He gave to Muslim aspirations a new orientation. He has raised them from the level of a minority community to that of a Nation demanding the right of self determination, a demand which is succinctly crystalized in the Muslim cry, "Pakistan Zindabad." Next to Mahatma Gandhi he is bound to play the most decisive role in Indian politics in the near future.

His Excellency SIR HUGH DOW, K. C. S. I., C. I. E., Governor of Sind. Born 8th May 1886. Educated: Aske's Hatcham School, University College, London. Married, Ann, daughter of J. Sheffield, one son and one danghter. Entered Indian Civil Service, 1909 and served as Assistant Collector in Sind. Municipal Commissioner for Surat, 1916-18. Assistant Commissioner in Sind for Civil Supplies and Recruiting, 1918-20, and Deputy Controller of Prices. Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Bombay, 1921. Acting Secretary, Finance Department, 1923. Financial Adviser to P.W.D. 1926. Revenue Officer, Lloyd (Sukkur) Barrage, 1927-33. Chairman, Sind Administrative Committee, 1933-34. Jt. Secretary, Commerce Department, Government of India, 1934-36. Secretary, Commerce Department, 1936-39. Director General of Supplies and Vice-President, War Supply Board, 1939-40. Assumed charge as Governor of Sind, 1st April 1941.

Address: Government House, Karachi.

Hon'ble Sir Ghulam Hussain, K.C.S.I., B.A., LL.B., M.L.A., Premier of Sind Government was born in 1879. He took his degree in Law from the Bombay University and started his practice in 1904. The public life has had always a fascination for the Grand Old Man of Sind. He was the first non-official President of Hyderabad Sind District Local Board. From 1912 to 1920 he was the elected member of the Bombay Legislative Council representing Sind. He was a minister of Bombay from January 1921 and continued to be a minister on three consecutive occasions. He was a member of Bombay Executive Council and the leader of the Bombay Legislative Council. He was deputed to the Round Table Conference by the Central Government twice. He was elected as a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly by the Sind Land Lord Constituency in 1934. When Sind was separated he was appointed as the President of the Sind Advisory Council. He was elected to the Sind Legislative Assembly in 1937. He was the first premier of Sind when the Provincial Autonomy started functioning in Sind.

Sir Ghulam Hussain has a brilliant career as a Public worker. He is loved and respected both by Hindus and Muslims. More than once he has been elected as the President of Karachi Club. Sir Ghulam Hussain is a great social figure of Sind besides being a great politician. His charming and graceful manners have charmed many who have come in personal contact with him. In short this Grand Old Man of Sind is a most colourful and charming personality of Sind.

Address: Seafield Street, Karachi.

Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Mahomed Ayub Khuhro, M.L.A., Revenue Minister, Sind Government, is one of the most brilliant members of Sind Legislative Assembly. As a polished speaker and a fine debator he has no equal in the Assembly. He entered politics as far back as 1923, when he was elected as a member to the Bombay Legislative Council and has continued to be a legislator without a break. It was entirely through the efforts of Khan Bahadur Khuhro that Sind Separation was brought about. He presented the case for separation of Sind from Bombay before the Statutory Royal Commission on Indian Reforms in 1929 and before Miles-Irving Committee in 1931 and served as a member of Bryne conference in 1932. He was the chosen representative of Muslims, to give evidence before the joint Parliamentary Committee which he did in 1933 in London. He made out a very good case for Sind Separation so much so that inspite of a well organized Hindu opposition Sind was separated. He became Minister of P. W. D. first in 1940 when Sind was separated. Again he became the Revenue Minister in 1942 which charge he holds up to this day. In 1939 & 1941 he was the leader of opposition. As the leader of opposition his speeches in the Assembly were heard with rapt attention. His fund of knowledge on Sind affairs is remarkable. Whenever he speaks he speaks with authority and commands respect both from foes and friends. As a parliamentarian none can equal him. Barring Sir Ghulam Hussain he is the oldest elected member of Assembly representing Sind in Bombay and here. Besides this, he has all along been a Muslim Leaguer and is now the President of Provincial Muslim League in Sind. In short the Muslim members of Assembly have honoured themselves by electing him as a Minister of Sind Government.

Hon'ble Dr. Hemandas Wadhwani born 12th Jan. 1895. Passed M.B.B.S. (Bombay University) in March 1920. Had his own Hospital & Maternity Home in Jacobabad (U.S.F.) Distt. He was member of the Jacobabad Municipality for several years. He was Chairman of the Sanitary & Primary School Boards. He was Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society for nearly 13 years. He was greatly responsible for bringing down the maternal mortality in Jacobabad. He trained several Midwives who have been working throughout Sind. He was a very popular Doctor both in U.S.F. & Baluchistan. Almost every year he used to hold Baby Shows and had also started a Child-Welfare Centre in Jacobabad. Many social activities in Jacobabad District were due to him. He was one of the Chief Organizers of the Relief work during the floods of 1929 and the Quetta Earthquake of 1935. He was awarded "Kaiser-Hind" Medal in 1934 for his public work. In 1932 he went to Europe with his wife & children. He attended the League of Red Cross Society's office in Paris regularly for a month and a half so that he has got the knowledge of the working of the Red Cross Societies of practically the whole world. He saw several Red Cross Institutions both in Paris & London. He specialised in diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat in Vienna. He was elected member of the Sind Legislative Assembly in year 1937. He was a member of the Railway (N.W.R.) Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Medical Council of India. After his ministership he settled down at Karachi and had his own Indoor Hospital and Maternity Home. He became one of the Leading Doctors of Karachi in a very short time. He was again appointed Minister for Public Health, Industries & Civil defence in year 1942, and continues to be the Minister. He did very useful work in the flooded areas. He has formulated many new schemes for the expansion of Public Health, Medical & Industries Depts.

Hon'ble Pir Illahi Bux, M. A., LL. B., M. L. A., was born in 1897. His life reads like a romance in a novel. After passing his matriculation examination, he joined Aligarh College in 1918. Being a Nationalist, he joined the Congress Non Co-operation movement in 1921. He was a member of the All India Congress Committee and was aiso secretary Provincial Khila Fat Committee. After the Non Co-operation movement, he again joined Aligarh College in 1927 and got his M.A. and LL.B. Degrees. He then started his practice as a pleader in Larkana. He was very popular with the public and was elected to Sind Legislative Assembly in 1937. He became the Revenue Minister in 1938 and Minister for Education in 1939 and again in 1941 which position he holds upto this day.

As a Minister of Education he has introduced many progressive reforms, the chief being his literacy movement in Sind. Pir Sahib, who knows how appaling is the state of ignorance in Sind, is very anxious to see every one educated. He has not left any stone unturned in realising his dreams of seeing every Sindhi a literate.

Pir Sahib has been solely responsible to raise Sind Madressa High School into a college, the opening ceremoney of the same was performed by Mr. Jinnah on 21st June 1943, thus making the dreams of late K. B. Hassanali Effendi come true. Among the other things which Pir Sahib has done to popularise Education in Sind, the Muslim Cess bill will remain as a monument of his achievement to educate the poor Muslims at the expenses of rich Muslim Zamindars, Jagirdars and Land Lords. In order to better the state of Sind Zamindars, Pir Sahib's famous Bill, "Zamindar Children Act" of 1941, by which every Zamindar must educate his children, otherwise he will be penalized, will always be remembered as one of the most progressive legislation of our time. In short Pir Illahi Bux will go down in the history of Sind as a Colourful character for his best bills introduced by him as the Minister for Education.

Dewan Dialmal Doulatram, B.A., LL.B., J.P., M.L.A., born on 1st November 1873 in Hyderabad, belongs to one of the oldest families of Sind. Educated at Shikarpur where his father Dewan Doulatram was Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor of the Districts of Sukkur (old Shikarpur) Larkana, and Upper Sind. Passed Matric in 1889, joined Dayaram Jethmal Sind College 1890--passed his B.A. in 1892, joined Law School, Bombay in 1893 and pased his 2nd LL.B. in 1895---joined the profession in 1896 at Shikarpur—appointed Sub-Judge, Jacobabad in 1901– and retired in 1928 as District and Session Judge. From early school life a sports man—won cricket bat in school competition. President Narsiomal Club, Sukkur, Secretary Dialdas Club, Hyderabad—making them efficient. President Scout Association, Hyderabad. Also Scout Commissioner. Early took interest in Politics—was a Correspondent of the Sindh Journal of Hyderabad. Secretary of the Provincial Conference at Hyderabad in 1925. He was member of Sind Deputation before the Simon Commission. Took keen interest in the controversy of Sind Separation. Member of the Sind Deputation for the Unity Conference at Allahabad, 1925. Chairman Thar Famine Relief Committee. In 1930 he volunteered distribution of relief in the Rohri Division on behalf of the Sind Flood Relief Committee in 1931 for relief of sufferers from dacoities. Municipal Councillor Shikarpur, 1930-1932. Also member of the School Board of District Board, Sukkur. Life member of the Hyderabad Education Society and on its board of directors. President Khudabadi Amil Co-operative Agriculture Association, Hyderabad, Member Legislative Assembly as representative of the Landholders Constituency in Sind from 1937—Ex-minister Sind Government, holding portfolios of Agriculture Forests and Veterinary.

The Hon'ble R. S. Gokaldas Mewaldas, M.L.A., J.P. and Minister Sind Government is a leading Land Lord and Zamindar from Larkana. He was a member of District Local Board, Larkana for 18 years without a break, President Ratodero Municipality for 16 years, Chairman School Board for 9 years, Member Taluka L. B. Ratodero over 10 years, Member School Board, Larkana District. He is a most respected personality of Upper Sind doing social, religious and political work for the betterment of Sind. As a minister he is a peaceful member of the cabinet doing his bit for the province without any show. He believes in silent work.

Address:—Hon'ble R. S. Gokaldas, Minister, Sind Government, Karachi.

Sheikh Abdul Majid, M.L.A., is one of the most respected Personalities of Sind. The fine record of selfless service of Sheikh Sahib was so much respected by the Muslims of Sind that he defeated Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto then the Advisor to H. H. The Governor of Sind in his own constituency of Larkana. No one in Sind is held in such high esteem as Sheikh Sahib is held, simply because he is honest to the core and has never sold the interests of his Province for any price. In Sir Ghulam Hussain first Ministry, Sheikh Sahib was a Parliamentary Secretary. In the Ministry of Mir, he was a Minister. Sheikh Sahib is one of the early Political workers who created National awakening in Sind. He along with late Honourable Ghulam Mahomed Bhurgri and late Hon: Harchandrai worked for the emancipation of Sind.

It was entirely through his efforts that Muslim League in Sind became a force and a power. He could be called the father of Muslim League in Sind. Now his resignation from the League has been felt by one and all because such a selfless worker in Sind one would seldom see.

Sheikh Sahib is seldom quiet. He is always busy finding ways and means to better his Province. He is thinking of starting an Azad Muslim League free from all cant and canker to serve the down trodden and official ridden people of his Province.

Seth Lolumal Rewachand, M.L.A., J.P., is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for P.W.D. Local Self Government. He was an Honorary Magistrate for 10 years, he was a member of Mehar District Local Board for three years and a member notified Mehar Municipality for 20 years. He is an important member of the Mehar Hindu Panchayat. He is a life member of the Mehar High School and is a member of National War Front, Mehar.

Address :—Seth Lolumal Rewachand, M.L.A., J.P., Zamindar and Land Lord, Mehar, Sind.

Mir Bandehali Khan Talpur, M.L.A., Jagirdar and Zamindar hails from the famous ruling race of Mirs. He had four best years of education in London and then he toured throughout Europe and returned to India after seeing many a town in Europe and Asia. He was a Special Magistrate for about 10 years and was the President of Hyderabad Sind District Local Board for a number of years. He did a lot of useful works as the President of District Local Board of Hyderabad. He entered Bombay Legislative Council in 1930 and was a member of Sind Separation Committee.

After the Sind Separation he was returned to Sind Legislative Assembly and was a Minister in the first Sir Ghulam Hussain Ministry and then he was a Minister in Allah Bux Ministry too. After the fall of Allah Bux Ministry he formed his own Ministry and became the Premier of Sind. He restored Law and Order after the Sukkur riots and successfully solved the Manzalgah question to the entire satisfaction of Hindus and Muslims. He comes from the famous Baloch Mirs and is their leader. He was the youngest Minister that Sind ever had and remained as a Minister longer than any Minister in Sind.

He is much respected and is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims of Sind.

Address: Tando Ghulamali.

Mir Ghulamali Talpur, B.A., J.P., M.L.A., is a Landlord and Zamindar of Tando Division. He was elected a Member of Sind Legislative Assembly in 1937. He was Chief Parliamentary Secretary in 1940. He is the President of District Local Board, Hyderabad Sind. He is Deputy Provincial Leader National War Front Sind, President Hyderabad District Muslim League, Vice-President Provincial Muslim League, Vice-President Tando Division Zamindari Association, Director of Lower Sind Zamindari Bank Ltd., Hyderabad Sind, Director of Tando Mahomed Khan and Kambar Electric Supply Co., Member of Lapo Rasai Committee appointed by the Sind Government. He is President of Wakf Committee, Lower Sind.

Mir Sahib is a nice young educated Talpur of Sind who takes keen interest in Muslim Female Education. He is the Vice-President Muslim Girls Education Society, Karachi. He is also a life member of the Countess of Dufferin Fund Association. He is one of the most enlightened and cultured young Mirs of Sind. He has thrown himself heart and soul in public activity and takes keen interest in Political and Social problems of Muslim community. He is respected by both Hindus and Muslims. He is a very popular figure of the Karachi Club. As a young rising Muslim Mir of Sind, he has a bright future before him and it will not be long before he may be one of the Ministers of Sind Cabinet.

Mukhi Gobindram Pritamdas, M.L.A., hails from the family of famous Mukhis of Hyderabad. He was the first Hindu Minister of Sind Government when Provincial autonomy started functioning in Sind. He is a Land Lord and a Zamindar. He is the Mukhi of Sind Hindu Panchayat in Sind, President Hindu Sabha at Hyderabad, President Hindu Anath Asram, President Bankers' Association, Hyderabad Sind. He is the Chairman Mukhi Chandumal Valiram Panjrapore Association. He is a member N.W.R. Advisory Committee, Sind Cotton Committee, D. G. Sind National College Board and N. H. Academy, Hyderabad.

Mrs. J. G. Allana :—Born at Karachi, entered the Assembly as Sind's youngest legislator. Before her entry into the Assembly, she had been preparing herself unobtrusively for a big role in provincial politics by taking a keen interest in social welfare work. Modest and unassuming, she has made notable contribution to the Assembly debates, especially those which concern the interests of women and children. She is one of those few legislators who have remained faithful to the Muslim League Assembly Party in all its vicissitudes. Her loyalty and good work in the Assembly have been rewarded, as she has been elevated in the Muslim League Ministry to the Ministerial rank of a Parliamentary Secretary. She is incidentally the second Muslim woman in the whole of India to be a Parliamentary Secretary, the first being Begum Shah Nawaz. A sincere worker, she has a brilliant future.

K. B. Allahbux K. Gabole, J.P., is the Chief Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier of Sind. He is the President of Karachi District Local Board and is a member of Sind Madresah Board and Haj Port Committee. He is the Hon. Secretary of Civil Hospital and Nursing Association of Karachi.

He is a Municipal Corporator of Karachi Municipal Corporation and has been its Deputy Mayor and has acted as the Mayor of our City too.

He is a member of many Committees and Councils appointed by Sind Government and Karachi Municipality.

Address :—Sind Secretariat, Karachi.

Mr. Mahomed Khan Yousif Bahadur Khair Mahomed Khan Chandio, M.L.A., J.P., Land Lord—Zamindar is one of the finest personalities of Sind. As a young rising Muslim M.L.A. Mr. Mahomed Yousif has done a lot to show his merit as a Parliamentary Secretary to P. W. D. Minister in Mir Ministry and to Revenue Minister now in Sir Ghulam Hussain Ministry.

Besides his being as important member of Sind Legislative Assembly, Mr. Mahomed Yousif has been a member of Karachi District Local Board for a number of years. He is now the Chairman of the School Board where he has done a lot to spread education among the Muslims. Before him the Karachi District School Board had no English teaching High School. It was he who has started two English High Schools in the district of Karachi which are doing splendid work. Mr. Yousif has a passion for education.. He has also opened Girls Schools since he has become the Chairman. He is a member of Sind Madrasah Board and has done considerable work to educate the members of his community. He is a loyal subject of His Majesty's Government and has, by his active co-operation as a deputy leader National War Front, collected considerable collection for War Fund from his district.

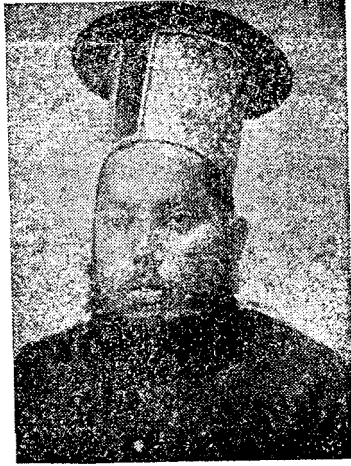
He is a director of Zamindari Bank Ltd., of Karachi District. He is a great social figure and is very popular both among the Hindus and Muslims because of his sweet and charming manners and graceful ways. He is a young educated Muslim of culture and cut and has started serving his community from the very early age being an important member of Sind Provincial Muslim League. As a youth of great character and courage Mr. Yousif has a fine future before him which he intends spending in serving his Muslim Community.

Address: Laduin.

Mr. Syed Ghulam Murtza Shah, M.L.A., Land Lord and Zamindar is a towering personality of Sind. His entire life could be summed up in one word and that is "Honesty"— He is honest to the core whether he be a King or Cobler, he is honest wherever he is placed. Even his worst enemies do not doubt his honesty of purpose. His one aim in life is to serve Sind. For this purpose he joined the Congress and was a great force there. Sind is Official ridden, Shah Sahib had to face many hardships for his Political views. He got disgusted with the sham show of Congress Workers of Sind and joined Muslim League. It was his and Sheikh Abdul Majid joint forces which made Muslim League a formidable power in Sind. The recent Sind Assembly election result in Shikarpur in favour of Muslim League candidate was entirely due to the influence of Mr. G. M. Syed over the Muslim Masses.

Shah Sahib hails from the most respected Syed family of Sind and is known for his independence, courage and conviction. He threw away his Ministership to serve the people of his Province, because he felt that as a free man he could do much more than a Minister tied to red tapism.

Mr. Syed is possessed with the most noble idea to serve the poor and the lonely of his Province. His entire life, though still young, has been spent in the service of Sind. It was due to his service not age when he was elected the President of Karachi District Local Board, which position he held with credit. He was a Minister in Mir Ministry and when Maulana Azad brought about Unity of all parties and one Minister was to make room for Allah Bux, group it was Shah Sahib who immediately volunteered to resign for the greater good of the Province.

Late Diwan Tahilram Khemchand received early education at Tatta and then joined the N. J. High School at Karachi. After passing the Matriculation Examination he joined the Elphinstone College, Bombay, whence he graduated as a Bachelor of Arts and passed the LL.B. examination in the first class in 1885. It was just about this time that the first awakening of public life was being noticed in Sind.

Diwan Tahilram's ability and valuable work in the Karachi Municipality were appreciated and in 1895 he was elected Vice-President of the Municipality. The next year he was nominated President of the Municipality and held this office upto his death in 1905. He was a Law Lecturer of the Dayaram Jethmal Sind College. In 1898 he was made C.I.E. and the Citizens of Tatta presented him an address on this occasion. But the most signal honour conferred upon him was the Presidentship of the Bombay Provincial Conference in 1904. This is a recognition that has come to no other Sindhi. It was Sir Pherozeshah Mehta who made this selection. Pherozeshah was a leader of men and he could recognise worth when he saw it. In all conferences, Political or other, Sind had never been able to take a prominent part. The standard of patriotism and public service was no high. Sind was regarded as a minor part of the Bombay Presidency and no Sindhi had yet taken an important part in public life. The Provincial Conferences which were held in those days were subsidiary to the Indian National Congress. Pherozeshah Mehta knew Tahilram and he was convinced that Tahilram would make a worthy president of the Bombay Provincial Conference and the selection would also satisfy the claim of Sind to representation.

Diwan Tahilram Khemchand was called away in the midst of a most useful and successful career. No statue was erected to his memory, nor is he very widely remembered in Sind. But the example of his life remains. Men like him are rarely seen any where and in Sind they are still rare. Throughout his short life Diwan Tahilram was guided by a single sense of duty. As a Citizen he had the highest ideal of Civic duty. He never permitted his profession to absorb all his energy or all his time. He was a public servant in the

finest sense of the term. He never sought any honour, nor did he at any time seek official favour. His ability was of a high order and he was conscientious and hard worker. He was somewhat reserve and shy by nature but those who knew him realised the charm of his personality and his selflessness.

Late Honourable K. B. Hassanali Effendi had a romantic career. He started his life as a Munshi on Rs. 16/- only. He learnt English from a Christian Clerk and got a job at Kotri on Boat the Steamer. Here he perfected his knowledge of English because he came in contact with many English people. He wanted to practise as a Pleader and was preparing himself for Sind pleader's examination when the Judicial Commissioner in Sind of the time allowed him to practise before he qualified for the Bar. He rose to be the Public Prosecutor of Sind and was offered the Judgeship of Small Causes Court of Karachi, which offer he thankfully declined.

He was elected as a member of Bombay Legislative Council in 1891, as the representative of Sind Zamindars. Late Khan Bahadur Hassanali, seeing the poor condition of Muslims of Sind did not rest till he had founded for them a High School in Karachi. He went from place to place to collect funds for Sind Madressah Tul Islam and succeeded in establishing one of the best High schools for Muslims in Sind.

The late Khan Bahadur was the pioneer of Muslim education in Sind and did a lot to spread education among the Muslims of this Province. He started the Muslim Education Association in Sind which has been doing good work for the cause of education among the Muslims.

It was entirely due to the efforts of Khan Bahadur Hassanali that Sindhi Muslims were educated, who today are rubbing shoulders with the members of their sister Communities of Sind. He was one of the most colourful personalities of Sind.

Late Honourable Harchandrai Vishindas, C.I.E., B.A., LL.B., was a towering personality of Sind. After passing his Law examination in 1885 he started his practice in Karachi and soon rose to be one of the best lawyers of Sind. He had a passion for Politics, because he was inspired with true zeal to serve the people of his province.

He was a member of Karachi Bar Association for 42 years and had acted as the Hon. Secretary for some time. He was a member of the Karachi Municipality from 1888 to 1899. From 1899 to 1910, he was the legal advisor to Karachi Municipality. From 1911 to 1921 he was the President of Karachi Municipality. As the President of Karachi Municipality he did a lot to modernise our City. He is one of the Makers of the Modern Karachi, "the Queen of the East". From 1910 to 1921 he was a member of Bombay Legislative Council as a representative of the Municipalities of Sind. He did very useful work as a member of the Bombay Council and exposed the evils of Rasai and Lapo and was one of the members of Rasai Commission appointed by the Bombay Government. He was also a member of Matiari Firing Committee appointed by the Government. He was a Trustee of the Port of Karachi for 9 years and was its Vice-Chairman thrice. He was a member of Standing Committee of D. J. Sind College and was one of the founders of Karachi Club.

He was a strong Congress man and was the Chairman of the Reception Committee of Congress of 1913 and was President of many Congress Conferences held in Sind. He was a great believer of Hindu Muslim Unity and was a Sufi by temperament. His love for his country and his loyalty to his party made him leave his sick bed to go to Delhi to vote for the Boycott of Simon Commission in 1928 and the journey from Karachi to Delhi at the advanced age of 66, was too much for him. He died on his way to the council-chamber; his physical remains were cremated on the banks of the sacred Jamna; and late Pandits Motilal Nehru and Madan Mohan Malaviya, late Mr. V. J. Patel, and Lala Lajpatrai were among his pall bearers. At Delhi, the "Hindustan Times" described the event thus: "Every seat in every gallery was occupied, and

even the ladies' gallery was packed not with the proverbial sardines, but with more picturesque butterflies. An animated full dress debate was expected and punctually at eleven o'clock almost every member was in his seat. But little did the busy whips, the officials swaggering in morning coats, the Nationalists and the Swarajists, all hopeful of a signal triumph, realise that before the bell for the division lobby would ring, another and more useful knell announcing the death of Mr. Harchandrai Vishindas, the oldest member of the Assembly, would sound and spread its pall of grief over the chamber. Little did these gentlemen know that at that very time, the great hero who at the risk of his life had undertaken to come to Delhi to record his lack of faith in the Simon Commission, was already preparing to lay himself on the altar of martyrdom. Immediately after lunch I saw the non-official whips busy telephoning to various hospitals to obtain an ambulance to convey the brave Harchandrai to the Assembly. "Don't get him if he is not fit," said one gentleman. "But he simply insists on coming," said one of the whips. They knew not that Mr. Harchandrai at that time had passed the stage when ambulances were needed, and had cast his vote finally and definitely in the lobby of immortality."

Seth Harchandrai was a true son of the Soil and the present National awakening in Sind was due to his untiring efforts and his colleagues late Diwan Tahilram and late Honourable Ghulam Mahomed Bhurgri. He was a Nationalist to the core and had a burning desire to serve Sind and her people.

Sardar Mahomed Usman Khan Soomro, M.L.A., Land Lord and Zamindar of Karachi District is a great figure in the politics of Sind. He was the nominated member of Tatta Municipality and an Hon: Magistrate. He was the President of Karachi District Local Board and Chairman of the School Board of Karachi District Local Board. The Hall of K. D. L. B. is named after him because of his services to the Board. He is on the Port Haj Committee and on various committees appointed by Sind Government. He is the Sardar and Leader of his Race of Soomros in Sind.

Address: Tatta,
Karachi.

Late Dewan Wadhumal Oodharam was reputed to be the lion of the Bar. He was loved and admired by his colleagues and was respected and feared by Bench on account of his sturdy and independent views. As he was a lawyer by profession, he was politician by choice. He was the best electioneer whom Karachi had ever seen. He fought many a valient battles against odds and always came off with flying colours. The key of his success was his love for public and private freedom. He was a member of Bombay Legislative Assembly after the reforms of 1919, Vice-President Karachi Municipality and a Trustee of Port of Karachi. A powerful speaker, he always shone when in opposition. The important market and a busy road leading to the Courts are named after him because of his many and useful services to the city of Karachi. He passed away from this world to his heavenly home in 1921, leaving a great and honourable name behind which his worthy son Mr. Tikamdas sustains upto this day. Late Dewan Wadhumal even today is remembered in every walk of life with affection and admiration. Late Dewan Wadhumal has not only left a name as a leading Lawyer of Sind which is still being maintained by the famous firm which bears his name, namely Wadhumal & Co., but a worthy Citizen of Sind by being associated with many societies, clubs and Associations of Sind. There is nothing worthy in Sind which does not bear the stamp of his personality. From the Karachi Municipality to the Karachi Club, from Karachi Port Trust to Karachi Gymkhana his towering personality has left his marks behind.

Khan Bahadur Haji Ghulam Nabi Shah, M.B.E., J.P., M.L.A., Land Lord and Zamindar of Thar Parkar is the oldest member of Sind Legislative Assembly. He was an important member of Thar Parkar District Local Board, was its President for 7 years. As the President of the District Local Board he did lot to improve the administration of the board. He had an English teaching High started and improved the roads considerably. It was by his efforts that Mirpurkhas has today Jamai Masjid. He is the Chairman of Zamindar Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mirpurkhas and is an important member of the Muslim League.

Address :—Mirpurkhas.

Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji is one of the makers of modern Karachi. He was a member of Karachi Municipality from 1914 to 1931 and was the President of the Municipality from 1922 to 1933 and was the first Mayor of Karachi Municipal Corporation in 1933-1934. Provincial Commissioner of Scouts in Sind. Chairman, Buyers & Shippers' Chamber, President, Sind Tuberculosis Relief Association, President, Sind Flood Relief Fund. President, Karachi Health Association. He was a member of Sind Legislative Assembly. In addition to these he is a member of various Committees and is on many Institutions and Banks. He is one of the founders of the Co-operative movement in Sind and has done a lot to improve the standard and state of poor Haris of our province.

One of his publications is "the Karachi Municipality as at present, and its future and reconstruction of Civic Life".

Address :—Bonus Road, Karachi.

Seth Shivji Kothari is a leading Land Lord, and a business man of Karachi. He is also interested in the newly established Steel industrial concern of which he is the Managing Director. He is the President, Karachi Aero Club Ltd., President, Rotary Club of Karachi. Managing Director, Sind Observer, Director, Sind Daily Mail Ltd., Member of the Board of Karachi Indian Merchants Association, Member of the Board of Buyers and Shippers' Chamber, Hon: Secretary, Gujrat Education Society, Hon: Treasurer, Ayurvedic Tuberculosis Relief Association and Ojha Sanatorium, Hon: Treasurer, Sind Boys Scout Association, Joint Hon: Secretary and Treasurer, Karachi Children Welfare Society and Remand Home, Chairman, Chaturbhuj Parpia Trust. He has been a member of the Karachi Municipal Corporation, a Trustee of the Port of Karachi and a member of the North Western Railway Advisory Committee, in the past.

Address :—Marriot Road, Karachi.

Mr. Tikamdas Wadhumal is B.A. of Bombay University and M.A. of Oxford University, having taken an Honours Course in Jurisprudence, and Barrister-at-Law from the Hon'ble Society of Lincolns Inn.

He was a Trustee of the Port of Karachi for 13 years, and Vice-Chairman, Port Trust, Karachi in 1933-34. He was a Municipal Councillor for 20 years, and worked on all important committees and was the Mayor, Karachi 1934-35. He was Member on the Governing Body and Vice-President, Sind Collegiate Board for 20 years, and a Member Governing Body, Lady Dufferin Hospital. He was Secretary, Karachi Bar Association for several years and Member Sind Bar Council.

Mr. Tikamdas belongs to one of the most leading families of Sind, and is the grandson of Late Hon'ble Mr. Oodharam Mulchand who was the first member on the Bombay Legislative Council from Sind, appointed by Government. He was also the first Indian President of the Karachi Municipality appointed by the Government. He was also a Trustee of the Port of Karachi. He is the son of late Mr. Wadhumal Oodharam, one of the leaders of the Karachi Bar. Mr. Tikamdas and his family were representatives on the Karachi Municipality for three generations from 1877 to 1940.

Mr. Tikamdas Wadhumal is the Legal Advisor of the Karachi Port Trust and is one of great Colourful personalities of Sind. He is a great social and political figure of Karachi, loved and respected by the members of all the communities. No party or function can be complete without the towering personality of Mr. Tikamdas.

Besides being an important member of the Karachi Club, he belongs to many clubs and societies of Sind.

Address :—TIKAMDAS WADHUMAL,
Bunder Road, Karachi.

Khan Bahadur Ardeshir H. Mama is a very popular figure of Sind. People earn money to store it, but Khan Bahadur Mama earned money to use it for the good of the Public. He had a head to make money, and had also a heart to give away money. He is a great Philanthropist and has given large sums in charity chief among which are, Rs. 300,000/- to the Mama Parsi Girls' High School, Rs. 100,000/- towards Sundry charities, Rs. 75,000/- Mama Home for Poor Parsi Families, Rs. 25,000/- Mama Hall in Fire Temple at Sadar, Rs. 25,000 Fire Temple at Sukkur, Rs. 20,000/- for Parsi Hall at Mahableshwar, Rs. 16,000/- for Mama Bath Mangho Pir, Rs. 15,000/- for Y. W. C. A. Building, Rs. 10,000/- to Lady Dufferin Hospital, Karachi. There is not an institution in Karachi where the helping hand of Khan Bahadur Mama has not reached, be it a Civil Hospital, Dufferin Hospital or any laudable cause. Khan Bahadur is not only a gentleman known for his charity, but a personality famous for his fine record of service rendered to the institutions where he has been the President, Chairman and a member. As a Special Honorary Magistrate for Sadar over 17 years Khan Bahadur did Justice to his Job. He was a member, of Karachi Municipality for more than 21 years and had the honour of being the Mayor of Karachi and the First Citizen of our City. As a Municipal Corporator, he worked as the Chairman of School Board, Stores Committee, Garden Committee, Road Committee, many more Committees of the Karachi Municipal Corporation. Khan Bahadur was elected as one of the 12 leaders of Sind of the Daily Gazette Contest. Khan Bahadur has worked as President, Karachi Parsi Institute, President, the Mama Parsi Girls School, Vice-President, Bai Virbaiji Soparivalla Parsi Boys' High School, Chairman, Parsi Co-operative Housing Society, Chairman, Young Men's Zoroastrian Association, Chairman, District Local Board, Honorary Treasurer, the Sind Flood Relief Fund, Honorary Treasurer, Harchandrai Memorial Fund, Honorary Treasurer Silver Jubilee Fund, Honorary Treasurer, the Prince of Wales Welcome Fund.

Because of his old age Khan Bahadur now leads a retired and quiet life, but Sind has yet to see such a towering personality who was on every Committee and Council and was a universal Treasurer of all the Funds which were collected, because of the implicit faith and confidence that people of this province had and have for the Grand Old Man of Sind.

Mr. Hatim A. Alavi, the most mis-understood man of his community is one of the fine personalities of Sind. In culture and art of politics, few can equal him. In refineness and grace, none can excel him. He is a class by himself. Honest and upright, he would follow his principles though the path may be covered with thorns and his task may be up-hill.

Born on 20th October 1898, he was educated at Sind Madressah Tul Islam. He joined the ancestral business in the famous firm of Yousufali Alibhoy Karimji and Co. He was the first Muslim who took part in Sind Politics and was the Secretary of the Home Rule League of Dr. Annie Besant as far back as 1917. He was the first Muslim in Sind who joined the Indian National Congress and was the Secretary of the Sind Provincial Conference in 1918 and was the Secretary, Sind Provincial Congress Committee in 1919. He has travelled extensively all over the World, making prolonged stays in the Islamic countries of Turkey, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq and Iran. He was elected as a Municipal Councillor in 1927 and was the Vice-President of Karachi Municipality in 1931. He is the leader of Bohra Reformists Movement in India. He was the Mayor of Karachi Municipal Corporation in 1938-1939 during which period, among other activities, he organised the All India Industrial Exhibition which was a grand success. He is a Trustee of the Port of Karachi and has been its Vice-Chairman during 1939, 1941 and 1943. He is one of the founders of the Co-operative Movement in Sind and at present is the Vice-Chairman of the Sind Provincial Co-operative Bank. When the question of Sind Separation was looming large on the political horizon, Mr. Hatim Alavi, more than any other single Sindhi Muslim, did put forward herculean labours to separate Sindh from the presidency. In collaboration with important Muslim and British friends, his advocacy for Sind Separation was unrivalled. Mr. Hatim is also the founder of the Sea Scout Movement and is at present the President of Boys Scout Association of Karachi. He is a member on various Committees appointed by the Sind Government such as the Price Control Committee, the Beggar Nuisance Committee, the Sind University Committee, the Local Self Government Committee. He is a fine writer, author and speaker. He has written many works in Gujrati. In short he is a man with culture and courage.

Mr. Sohrab K. H. Katrak, F. R. G. S., is a partner in the firm of Messrs. Katrak & Co., Karachi, and the Author of "Through Amanullah's Afghanistan". A Writer, an Orator and a world traveller. First Class Honorary Magistrate, and Justice of Peace, Municipal Corporator representing the Karachi Chamber of Commerce—the first Indian to be so represented—A Port Trustee nominated by the Government. A Member of the Karachi Cantonment Board since its inception. The Divisional Superintendent, St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Managing Trustee of the Katrak Charity Trust, The Hormusji Katrak Hall. The President of the following institutions:—(1) The Jehangir Peerozshaw Dubash Health Culture Institute (2) The Sind Historical Society (3) The Provincial Commissioner, Hindustan Scout Association (4) Max Denso Hall Clerical Library and Commercial Education Society.

Director, Bharat Bank Ltd. (Karachi Branch). Vice-President, Sind Natural History Society. Secretary, Karachi Parsi Co-operative Housing Society Ltd. The Young Men's Zoroastrian Association. Treasurer of the Quetta Parsi Relief Fund. Member on the Council of Management of Ex-Service Association—the only Indian—Countess of Dufferin Fund, St. John Ambulance Association, Sind Provincial Co-operative Bank Ltd., Civil Hospital Nursing Association, Karachi Health Association, The S. P. C. A., The Mama Parsi Girls High School, The Bomanshaw Minocher Homji Parsi Patients Relief Association, Zoroastrian Club, The Sind Joint War Committee, a delegate on the Parsi Matrimonial Court.

Pir Ghulam Rasul Shah Pir Jehan Shah, Zamindar and Land Lord of Mirpurkhas is a fine personality. He is a Sub-leader National War Front and is a member of Muslim League.

Pir Sahib has done a lot to help War efforts by his active co-operation in collecting funds for War.

Address: Mirpurkhas, Sind.

Khan Bahadur Mian G. K. Mahomed Shahban, J.P., M.L.A., (Central), Zamindar and Land Lord is a fine personality of Sind. Khan Bahadur was a Municipal Councillor of Shikarpur Municipality for a number of years and also a member of District Local Board, Sukkur, for a considerable period. He was an Hon. Magistrate at Shikarpur as well as at Karachi. Khan Bahadur is popular both among Muslims & non-Muslims is clear from the fact that he was returned unopposed by them to the Central Assembly from Jagirdars and Land Holders Constituency.

He has been appointed a member of the Central Interview Board, to select Indian gentlemen for Emergency Commission in the Defence Services of India.

He is the oldest Fellow of the Bombay University from Sind since 1927, is a member of the Faculty of Arts and a member of the Board of Studies in Sindhi, is connected with the Delhi University too, as an elected member of the Court of Delhi University.

Mian Sahib is one of the Governor of I.M.M.T.S. "Dufferin", is an elected member of the Standing Finance Committee for Railways, is an elected member of the Central Civil Defence Committee, is one of the Directors of the Sind Provincial Co-operative Bank, is a member of Civil Defence Committee Sind.

Mian Sahib is a great social figure of Sind and his relation with the members of other communities are very cordial and is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims of Sind. Mian Sahib is one of those cultured and educated Muslim Zamindars of Sind who have taken highest education and is one of the graduates of the Bombay University of olden days when education among the Muslims of Sind was a rare thing.

Khan Bahadur is one of those Sindhis who are All India figures known among the people of other Provinces.

Add: Civil Lines, Karachi.
Telephone "5151"

Begum Sharfunnirsa Shahban, K-I-H., J.P., wife of Khan Bahadur Mian G. K. M. Shahban, M.L.A., (Central) is great social Muslim lady worker of Sind.

Begum Shahban is the first Muslim lady from Sind to get the Kaiser-i-Hind medal, to be appointed a Justice of Peace, a Member of the Civil Hospital and Nursing Association Committee, Karachi, a Lady visitor to the Karachi Prison, a Member of the Investigating Committee (Juvenile Prisoners) and an Honorary Magistrate since 1936, which honour she still retains though the Hony. Magistrateship is abolished from Sind. She is an elected member of Countess of Dufferin Fund. She was the first lady from Sind to preside at the All Sind Women's Conference in 1929 and the only Sindhi lady who had the unique honour of presiding over the convocation of the Tibbia College, Delhi, 1938.

Member, Managing Committee, Muslim Ladies' Association. Member, Executive Committee of the Ladies' of the Empire Association and of the Muslim Girls' Academy, Karachi.

Begum Shahban is the first Sindhi Muslim Lady who has played an important part in the advancement of women in Sind. She, with advanced views, has given best education to her children. She took keen interest in the Girls Guide Movement, and has done a lot to further the war activities in Sind by her active co-operation.

Address: Civil Lines, Karachi.
Phone No. "5151"

Nandiram Jamnadas Radhakishinani, B.A., (BOM.) was educated in N. H. Academy, Hyderabad. A prominent student of the D. J. Sind College, where he took keen interest in the social life of the College, and was Gymkhana Secretary in 1925. In 1934 he was elected a Director of the Provident Insurance Society, Karachi, where he did useful work on behalf of the Policy-Holders. In 1939 elected as Vice-Chairman and Vice-President of Sind Scouts Association. Started life as an Income-Tax Expert, in 1932, and within a short time was at the top of his profession, and is ranked as Sind's Number ONE, as an Income-Tax Practitioner. His publication on Income-Tax in Sindhi which is the first of its kind, after the new amended Income-Tax Act of 1939 came into force, is an asset to the Income-Tax Payers. He is Vice-President of the Bhatia Panchayat in Karachi since last two years.

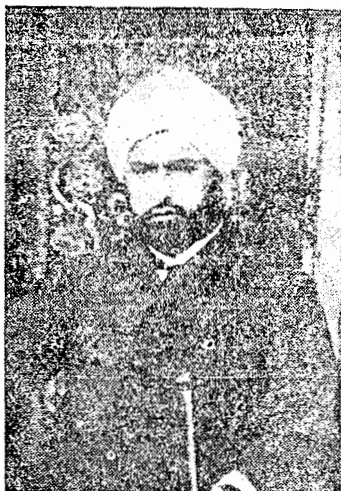
Address: Kothari Buldg., Denso Hall, Karachi.

Sardar Bahadur Hajee Nawab Jam Jan Mahomed Khan Mahomed Sharif Junejo, J.P., M.L.A., Land Lord and Zamindar, Nawabshah and Mirpur Districts is the direct descendant of Samo Jam who ruled over Sind in the days of Samo period. He is the Sardar of Junejo who are over twenty-five thousands in Sind. Nawab Jam Sahib has given thousands in charity and his charity is worth mentioning. He gave Rs. 36,000 for Ida Reu Blind Hospital and Rs. 34,000 for the School for Blinds. He has paid the cost of Hamidali Library, Nawabshah and has done many more useful works. For his unique services to the public, Jam Sahib was made Khan Bahadur in 1928 and he became Sardar Bahadur in 1934 and in 1942 he got the title of Nawab. Nawab Jam Sahib is one of the oldest sitting member of Sind Legislative Assembly representing Sind in Bombay Legislative Assembly also. He was the member of the District Local Board, Nawabshah for over twenty years. He was a special Magistrate for 10 years and the Chairman of Bench Magistrate for also a similar period. Nawab Sahib has always been mindful to the suffering of the sick. He has been running a dispensary in his village Jam Nawazali and is paying the entire cost of the same. He is very keen on education and has been helping poor Muslim boys in their fees, books, etc. He has three sons who are receiving the best education. He is one of the most important members of Sind Legislative Assembly and his rich experience as one of the oldest members of the Assembly is a great value to the House where he has been taking keen interest in its deliberation and introgation.

In short Nawab Jam Sahib is one of the colourful personality of Sind.

Seth Tarachand Dharamdas, M.L.A., Zamindar, Land Lord and Merchant of Thar Parkar District is a fine young man with Hindu Muslim Unity ideas. He is a nephew of late Seth Sitaldas and has been taking keen interest in politics after the murder of his uncle. He is loved and liked both by Hindus and Muslims. He is a loyal friend and a fine colleague.

Address: Tando Vasamal, Thar Parkar District.

Late Khan Bahadur Allando Shah was a most respected Syed personality of Sind. He was a member of Central Legislative Assembly of India and was a special Honorary Magistrate for a number of years. He was a leading Land Lord and Zamindar of Nawabshah District and was a very influential Syed of Sind. He would fight to the finish for Muslim rights and was a true muslim of real type and the interest of Muslims with him were absolutely safe. He was known for his charity and good work that he did for his community.

Sayed Kararoshah his son is a fine personality of Nawabshah. He was President, Nawabshah District Local Board for three years and did very useful work during that period. He hails from the most respected Syed family and is much loved and liked by both Hindus and Muslims for his social qualities and graceful manners.

Syed Mahomedali Shah, J.P., M.L.A., his second son is a fine personality in the politics of Sind. As a member of the Sind Legislative Assembly, he was a Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier in the Ministry of the Late Mr. Allah Bux. He was a member of District Local Board for about six years and is a member of Railway Advisory Board and is on many Committees and Councils.

Mr. Mahomedali Shah is a young educated man of graceful manners and rare social charms. He is a leading Land Lord and Zamindar of Durbello, Nawabshah and is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims of Sind. He is a member of Karachi Club.

Address: Durbello, Nawabshah District.

Mr. Ahamed Haji Yusuf Surya is a merchant doing business in the name of Messrs. Ahamed Haji Yusuf Surya and Sons, Napier Road, Karachi. He has been to Europe and also he does the import and export business of secondhand clothes.

Napier Road,
Karachi.

Mr. Sadiqali Moosajee Tapal, Land Loard, Merchant, Government Contractor is a fine personality of Bohra community. He is the Chairman of Madressah Hussaini Primary School and a member of the Karachi Academy High School. He was a Municipal Corporator of the Karachi Municipal Corporation for a number of years and had worked on various committees of the same Corporation. He was the Chairman of Karachi Municipal Corporation Stores Committee. He is a leading leader of Bohra reformists party and is a partner of the famous firm of Ameejee Valeejee & Sons and is running the most notable Engineering work of Dock Engineering and Welding Works at Keamari which is the second biggest Engineering enterprise in Sind.

Mr. Sadiqali is a great social figure of his community and takes keen interest in the social, educational problems of Bohra youth. He is connected with a number of educational institutions playing his part for his community. He is a cultured and educated man with high and noble ideals.

Address: Bunder Road, Karachi.

Syed Ghulam Hyder Shah Hajee Pir Shah is a educated young Syed of Mirpurkhas. He is a graduate of the Bombay University and is keeping term for Law in the S. C. Shahani Law College of Karachi. As a student he proved to be a best speaker gaining Dr. Besant Cup for the best speech, in the College Debating Society in the Hat Night Debate in the year 1938. Syed Ghulam Hyder Shah was the President of the Sind Collegiate Muslim Union from 1938 to 1940. He is a Land Lord and Zamindar and takes keen interest in the welfare of Muslims of his province. He is the Chairman of District School Local Board of Tharparkar and has devoted considerable attention to Muslim education. He is an important member of Muslim League. He is a Sub-leader of National War Front, Tharparkar District.

Mr. Adamali Y. Alavi, J.P., is a fine type of sportsman. He is a partner in the famous firm of Yousafali Alibhoy Karimjee & Co. He was educated in Sind Madressah-Tul-Islam. As a student Mr. Adamali was keen on Cricket. He was the Captain of his School cricket team and was well known cricketer of his days. He is the Secretary, Muslim Gymkhana, President, Karachi Bohra Gymkhana. He is the Sind Muslim representative on the Sind Cricket Association Committee of Management. President Young Cricketers Association. He was the Vice-President, Sind Hockey Association and Ex-President, Young Muslim Sports Association. He is a founder member of the Cricket Club of India, Limited. He is a member of Sind Madressah Board and the Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Adamali is a loveable personality. Besides being a member on various Committees and Councils, Mr. Adamali is a great social figure of the city taking part in every sport activity. In the field of sports Mr. Adamali is a very popular figure loved and respected by one and all for his honesty and straight game of life. Mr. Adamali is a real sport if one were to describe him in one short sentence.

Seth Abdul Hussain Moosaji of Messrs. Moosaji Lookmanji & Sons, is an old respected member of his community. He is a member of Chamber of Commerce, Karachi and Muslim Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Anjuman Mahomdayah; was the Hon: Secretary, A. K. G. Hospital, Karachi. He is an important member of Anjuman Bohra Daudi of Karachi.

His cloth shop in Camp is the oldest shop in Karachi and deals in all kinds of cloth, both Cotton and Woollen. It was started as far back as 1854 upto this day it has maintained the high standard of selling cloth.

Seth Rewachand J. Advani, J.P., Land Lord, Zamindar and Banker, is a leading Zamindar of Karachi District and is a member of Karachi District Local Board. He is a member of Hindu Panchayat and has done a lot for the poor of his village by providing wells for water. He is respected by Hindus and Muslims of his place.

Seth Bulchand Thakurdas—better known amongst his large circle of friends as Major Bulchand—has spent a large part of his life in Japan—from 1912 to 1936 with frequent visits to India in between.

Apart from having one of the largest and most efficiently organized export concerns in Japan, Messrs. Kewalram & Bulchand, with connections throughout the world and own offices at Yokohama, Shanghai, Singapore, Sumatra, Bombay, Karachi, and also in London, Spain and France, he was one of the most prominent citizens of Yokohama, doing everything possible to promote Indian interests in Japan and to foster Indo-Japanese cultural, social and trade relations.

He was a very popular personality there, and amongst other things, was President of The Indian Merchants Association at Yokohama and also the first President of The Indian Social Society at Kobe.

During the last six years, he had opened a branch at London, a similar export organization, which, in spite of the war, is still carrying on—being managed by the European staff there—whom Mr. Bulchand, in lighter vein, calls "natives".

After his return from London in September 1940, Mr. Bulchand has become a keen industrialist and expanded his interests in India. He now is a co-owner of The National Textile Printing Works, a silk printing factory at Bombay, and is the Managing Director of Sind Steel Corporation at Karachi.

The Major is a prominent member of the Karachi Club where he has created a number of friends who admire him for his culture, refinement, charming manners and other social qualities.

R. B. Pahlajsing Lalsing Lulla, J. P., Zamindar, Land Lord and Contractor is a fine Shikarpuri personality. Rai Bahadur is a keen social worker of his city and is an important member of Shikarpuri Hindu Panchayat. He is a member of R. B. Udhavdas Civil Hospital, Shikarpur and also is an important member of the Shikarpur College. He is a member of Sukkur Jail and was the President Shikarpur Municipality. Address: Shikarpur, Sind.

Khan Bahadur Nurudin Ahmed Ghulam Ally, J.P., popularly known as "Nana Sahib" or "Nana" is one of the most widely known Muslims in the educational and educated circle of society, in Sind. Starting his early schooling in Shikarpur his father, K. S. Ghulamally was a Deputy Educational Inspector, he continued it in the N. J. High School, Karachi and ended by winning the Sir Maxwell Mewille Prize in the D. J. Sind College— a Prize awarded to the student who stands first in General Knowledge and English Literature in the whole college. Thus, he was the first Previous student to win the Prize and certainly the first Muslim student to do so, so far. Preferring Education to Law for which he was at first intended, he joined the Sind Educational Service as an assistant teacher and by dint of hard work and general bon hommie, rose from the bottom most rung to the then highest appointment in the Province *viz.*, that of Educational Inspector in Sind, from which he retired in 1936, the day that Sind became a Governor's Province. That his ability was early enough recognized is apparent from the fact that he was the first Muslim to be appointed as Head Clerk to the Educational Inspector, the first Muslim to be appointed Personal Assistant to the Educational Inspector, the first Muslim to be the Principal of the Training College which post he held for the record number of 13½ years and the first Muslim to be appointed Educational Inspector in Sind. In 1933, the Government conferred on him the title of Khan Bahadur, he again being the first Muslim in the Educational Department to be so honoured. After his retirement from Sind Service, he was appointed Vice Principal of the Rajkumar Chiefs College at Rajkot, in Kathiawar, which post he held for two years. At present, his services have been taken up by the Government of India, in the Commerce Department as special officer, War Risks Insurance, Sind and Baluchistan. Khan Bahadur Nana Ghulamally has been a popular figure wherever he has gone by his sociability, and his genial nature. He has been a nominated member of the Hyderabad Municipality, a member of the Hyderabad School Board, and has represented the Hyderabad Municipality on the D. J. Sind College Board. He has all along been a keen Freemason and respected both in Muslim and Hindu Society in Sind and is a District Scouts Commissioner for the City of Karachi.

Add: Windsor Place, Cincinnatus Town, Saddar, Karachi.

Seth Doongursee S. Joshi, and his brother, the late Seth Shivji Shamji, worked together as Brokers to M/s. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., Bombay. His ability and outstanding business acumen earned him the brokerage of the Karachi House of Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., ever since its opening in 1904. At the same time he enlarged his own business and soon rose to prominence as a merchant in the city. In 1919 he was elected President of the All India Pushkarna Brahmin Conference. Keenly interested in the advancement of education, his philanthrophy in this direction is well known. He has sent out several deserving students of his own community as well as other Brahmin communities for higher studies both here in India as well as to England. He is a fervent advocate of Female Education, in which cause he has donated a handsome sum of Rs. 20,000/- to the Gujarati Education Society for its Girls High School, which has been named after his amiable wife, Shrimati Jhaverbai. He has a great compassion for the dumb and infirm animals and has been managing the Karachi Panjrapore Association, an institution been for the betterment and service of the suffering animals, of which he is the President for the last 15 years and it is due to his untiring labour of love that the Association has become one of the modern institutions and an ideal one.

Seth Manoobhai Doongursee, joined his father's business in 1921, and was appointed Broker of Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., as partner of his father in 1924. He was a member of the Board of Karachi Port Trust 1930-32, Vice-President of Buyers and Shippers' Chamber, having served on its Committee for over 15 years. Senior Vice-President of the Karachi Indian Merchants' Association for 1936 and 1941 and President of the Gujarati Education Society for over 16 years. Mr. Manoobhai is a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Karachi Health Association, a Trustee of the Gujarati Education Society Trust and Health Association, Managing Partner of the firm of Doongursee and Sons, Director, Sind Observer and Mercantile Steam Press Ltd., and is greatly responsible in getting same transferred to the hands of the present management. He is also Director of the Sind Daily Mail Ltd., The Bombay Fire and General Insurance Co., Ltd., & The Hindusthan Safe Deposit Co., Ltd., and is a member of the Local Committee of the Bank of India Ltd., Hon : Secretary, Ayurvedic Tuberculosis Relief Association, Assistant Secretary, Ramkrishna Mission and a member of the Managing Committee of the Karachi Panjrapore Association.

Late Prof. M. R. Shirazi, B.A., S.T.C., was born in Shiraz (Persia) in 1888. He came to Karachi and joined Sind Madressah in 1902. He passed his Matriculation examination in 1907. He went to Bombay and took his B.A. degree of the Bombay University. It was there that he came in contact with Bahai movement. He carried on correspondence with His Holiness Abdul Baha, the Interpreter of Bahai cause and became a confirmed Bahai. He started his work for Bahai cause in 1912 in India and visited H. H. Abdul Baha in 1914. In 1922 he went to Haifa (Palestine) for pilgrimage to the Holy Shrine of Baba, Baha Ullah, and Abdul Baha. There he met his Holiness Shogi Effendi the Guardian of the Bahai cause. He then went to Europe and America as a Bahai Missionary and spread the cause far and wide. Late Prof. Shirazi was a very learned and cultured man. He was the assistant Professor of Persian in the D. J. Sind College. He was loved and liked by his pupils whom he used to inspire with Persian literature. He was the pioneer and founder of Bahai movement in Sind. He was the first President of Bahai Spiritual Assembly of Karachi which honour he held for many years. The Bahai convention in Karachi in 1922 was a grand success because of his untiring zeal and efforts. He worked for Bahai cause like one who was inspired. He was a great personality of Karachi respected and honoured by the members of all the communities.

His pupils who are many in Sind still hold him in high esteem. He was gentle, kind and loving to all who came in contact with him.

He left this mortal world for the Abbaba Kingdom on 10 April 1925 at Hyderabad Sind, when he was only a youth

of 37 years of age full of life and love, leaving behind an honourable and loving name which his friends and admirers remember and maintain upto this day.

Late Prof: Shirazi had written many books and the notable among them is "21 days in Aka's light". The work of Bahai cause which was started by late Prof: Shirazi in Sind now stands on sound footing. The Bahais in Karachi have a beautiful Bahai Hall for their Spiritual Assembly with a garden and building where foreign travellers come and stay. They have a reading room, library attached to the Spiritual Assembly. Regular meetings are held twice a week where every one without any distinction of caste, creed and colour is welcomed.

Mr. Fida Husein M. Sheikha, J.P., was born on 22nd April 1897 and received his education in Sind Madressah-Tul-Islam. He is a Trustee of the Port of Karachi. He is the Vice-President of Buyers and Shippers' Chamber, and Karachi Muslim Chamber of Commerce and Young Men Muslim Association. He is the President of the Karachi Timber Merchants Association. Mr. Fida Husein takes keen interest in the female education of Muslim and is the President of Muslim Girls Academy the only leading Muslim Girls High School in Karachi teaching English. He was a member of the Karachi District Local Board and is a member on the Committee of Management of Lady Dufferin Hospital, Karachi, and is also a member of the Managing Committee of Muslim Gymkhana, Rotary Club, Karachi Club and Cricket Club of India. He is a member of various charitable trusts and societies. He is the senior partner of the well known and famous timber concern of Karachi named and styled as Essajee Ebrahimjee & Co. This firm was the first firm of timber started in Karachi and today it stocks the largest quantity of timber, plywood doing business with entire Northern India. He has travelled in Islamic countries such as Iran and Iraq. He is an educated and cultured man with high and noble ideal in life. He is one of the leaders of Bohra Reformist Movement in India.

Address:—Sheikha House, Campbell Street, Karachi.

Mr. D. B. Avari, B. Com., (Bomb.), C.L.U., (U.S.A.), J.P., is a fine young man of push and pluck. He started his life as an assistant in the Bombay Administrative Office of The Sun Life Assurance Co., of Canada. He came to Karachi in 1929 as the Unit Organizer for Sind and Baluchistan for the Sun Life Assurance Co., of Canada. He soon established himself in Karachi as the best organizer of the Life Assurance Co.

Mr. Avari is a great social figure of Karachi and takes keen interest in public life of our province. He is the past President in 1940-41 of Rotary Club of Karachi and is at present a Director and is a member on the Managing Committee of S.P.C.A. of Karachi. He is a member of the Jail Committee and the Sind Defence Loan Committee appointed by Sind Government. He is the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of Karachi Branch of the Overseas League of London and Tobacco Fund for Soldiers at the Front since the beginning of War. He is an important member of the Karachi Club. He was the Honorary Secretary of Y.M.Z.A. for three years. He was one of the founders of Lodge Conclave—Secret Monitor, Karachi, Mr. Avari is the only Indian from India, Burma and Ceylon to have passed the difficult examinations of Chartered Life Underwriter of America. He is an Insurance Expert in Sind having delivered a number of most interesting and instructive lectures on Life Insurance, Principles and Practices.

He is a very popular figure of Karachi, loved and liked by all those who come in contact with him as he is very cosmopolitan in his Social connections.

Add : Near Central Hotel, Opp : European Gymkhana, Civil Lines, Karachi. Tele : No. 5323.

Late R. B. Udhavdas Tarachand was a personality of Shikarpur and Karachi. His heart went out for sick and suffering. He built the best Hospital in Upper Sind by spending a lakh of rupees. The Hospital today bears his name as R.B. Udhavdas T. Hospital in Shikarpur. The Unveiling ceremony of the statue of late R. B. Udhavdas was performed by H.E. Sir Lancelot Graham then Governor of Sind.

Seth Harilal, R. B. Udhavdas, J. P., is a Municipal Councillor of Karachi Municipal Corporation and a Councillor of Shikarpur Municipality. Seth Harilal takes keen interest in Municipal affairs and is the Chairman of Public Health and Markets Committee of Karachi Municipal Corporation.

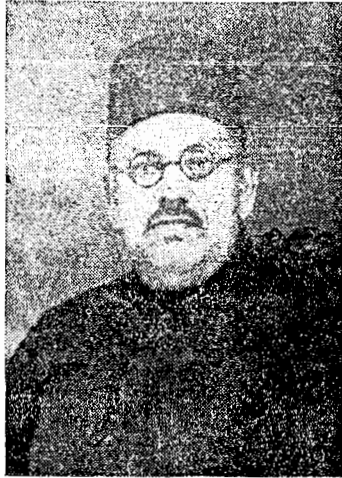
R. B. Metharam Ajitsingh Gidwani, J.P., Land Lord and Zamindar is one of the most respected personalities of Karachi District. He was a member of Karachi District Local Board for a number of years and was its Vice-President too.

He was an Honorary Special Magistrate for a considerable period. He is a much respected Zamindar of his District and his rich experience have always been appreciated by Government by appointing him on various committees created by them. His relation with the people of his District have always been cordial and sweet and it is therefore that Rao Bahadur today is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims. The Karachi District has been singularly free from any communal quarrels because of personalities like Rao Bahadur Metharam and Khan Bahadur Khair Mahomed Khan who are two pillars of Karachi District doing their best to establish cordial relations between the two sister communities of Karachi. At present he has almost retired from Zamindari life and is doing lot of social work in his native place Hyderabad Sind.

Address: Hirabad, Hyderabad Sind.

Khan Bahadur Khair Mahomed Chandio, J.P., Land Lord and Zamindar comes from the famous Chandio race. Being the leader and Sardar of his Chandio race, he is a most respected personality of Sind.

Khan Bahadur hails from Baloch race who are known for their loyalty and honesty to their sovereigns. As a Leader National War Front of Karachi District, he has done everything in his powers to further the War Fund Collection Work of his District. His contribution and collection of War Fund have been very much appreciated by the authorities. Khan Bahadur now leads a retired life leaving everything to his young son Mr. Mahomed Yousif Chandio, M.L.A. In his days he was an important member of the Karachi District Local Board and was an Honorary Magistrate too. His Zamindari knowledge is of great value to Sind and as a member to Zamindar Association, his rich practical experience has been of great assistance to the Association. He is one of the most respected leader of his District and is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims.

Seth Haji Imambux Haji Chandu, J.P., Land Lord and General Contractor is a religious and God fearing man of Marwari community of Karachi. He was a Municipal Corporator of the Karachi Municipal Corporation for about 4 years. He was a member of Haj Port Committee. He is the President of Marwari Slata Jamiat of Karachi. He was a member of Sind Madressah Board and Mahomedan Education Committee. He is the President of Ranchore Line Muslim League Council. Seth Haji Imambux has given thousands in charity and his charity is of right type of charity. He has presented a floating cup to the Sind Madressah Old Boys Association which runs an annual tournament of football. The income realised from the gate fee of the tournament is used for the purpose of fees for the poor Muslims students studying in Sind Madressah. Seth Haji Imambux Chandu is a quiet follower of his noble Prophet and believes in silent service and not show.

R. B. Hotchand Hiranand, M.L.A., J.P., Land Lord, Zamindar and Merchant is the biggest Land holder of his District Nawabshah. He was a member of Nawabshah District Local Board for 12 years and is the President, Hindu Panchayat Nawabshah, member Notified Area Nawabshah, member Sind Forest Committee and was the only Hindu from Nawabshah who was presented a Sword of Honour by H. E. Sir Lancelot Graham at Hyderabad Durbar. His donation among the Hindus for Graham Civil Hospital, Nawabshah, was the largest. He is the Proprietor of Cotton Ginning Factory, Nawabshah.

Mr. Tulsidas Hotchand, J.P., son of R. B. Hotchand is a fine young personality of his place. He has been elected more than one as the President of Nawabshah Municipality. He is the youngest Hindu holding such a position. He is a Director of Sind Observer and member of Local Self Government Institute. He has travelled a lot and been round the World in 1937. He is a member of Sind Cotton Committee.

Rao Bahadur Seth Naraindas Pohoomull, born in 1888 is a proprietor of the well known firm of Messrs. Pohoomull Brothers (India) with branches all over the world. He is a keen and enterprising businessman and has visited all important countries of the world. Seth Naraindas Pohoomull apart from being a leading Sind work merchant is a man of considerably charitable disposition. He is a philanthropist and believes in right kind of help to the suffering humanity. He is running a charitable dispensary since last 20 years in memory of his revered father Seth Pohoomull Khiamal in Hyderabad Sind where about 10000 patients receive free medical aid every month without distinction of caste, creed and colour. He has constructed a stall at the Railway Station of Hyderabad Sind where Indian Soldiers while going to their Homes receive free refreshments, and to monthly expenses of which he has also conrtibuted. He has contributed Rs. 25,000/- to the Lady Dufferin Hospital Fund for Maternity Home which also runs in the name of Seth Pohoomull Khiamal at Hyderabad Sind. Many poor female patients enjoy its benefit every year. Rao Bahadur Seth Naraindas Pohoomull is awarded Sword of Honour for rendering valuable services to the Government and also for donating laudable amount to Lady Dufferin Hospital and Maternity Home. He is a patron of education and has started the First Sindhi School for Boys and Girls at Bombay. He has also given free scholarships to many poor students of all Boys' and Girls' Schools at Hyderabad Sind. He is a member of Lady Dufferin Hospital Committee, Chief Patron of Scrap Committee and also Vice-Patron of Civil Hospital Nursing Association of Hyderabad Sind. He is a sub-Leader of National War Front and a President of Sindhi Association of Bombay. He is a member of Fair Price Committee and also a member of Managing Committee of Jacobabad Electric Supply Co. He was Honorary Magistrate and Municipal Councillor of Hyderabad Municipality. His principal interest now is encouragement of education and service to humanity and in this noble task he receives full co-operation of his worthy wife.

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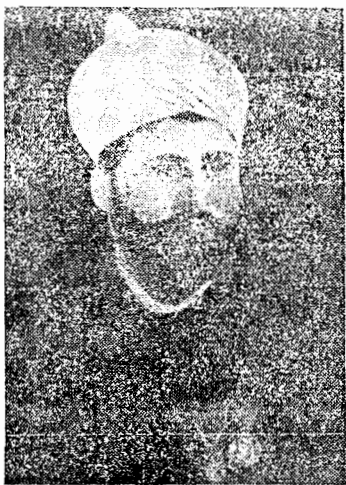
Mr. Tayabali Alibhoy Alavi was born on 17th November 1894 at Karachi; Educated upto Standard VII in Sind Madressah; Joined his father's business carried on under the name of M/s. Yusufali Alibhoy Karimji & Co., Joined Congress in 1904 and later Khilafat party. He tried to make Primary Education universal and free in the Karachi Municipality and after a defeat at a previous election he succeeded in getting it passed in 1921. He was elected Chairman of the the School Board in 1923 and by 1924 the number of Municipal Schools increased from 28 in 1922 to 67 in 1924 and number of pupils from 4265 to 6920. The Compulsory Primary Education Act of 1923 came into operation in 1925 and he was elected Vice-Chairman of the School Board. By 1928 when his term was over the number of Primary Schools rose to 116. with 7910 Boys & 5028 Girls—total 12,938. He continued as a member of the School Board upto 1933 when the number of Municipal Schools had gone upto 135. In 1927 he along with Mr. Durgdas B. Advani and Mr. Shivram Chavan brought into existence Mercantile Co-operative Bank, Ltd., which was shifted to its own beautiful building on Bunder Road in 1937. He has been its Chairman from its inception. He is a member of various institutions in Karachi and has done a lot for Muslims education by starting the Karachi Academy and the Girls Academy, two leading high Schools for Muslim Boys and Girls in Karachi.

Seth Harchandrai Manumal, Zamindar and Land Lord of Thar Parkar District is fine young educated youth of Mirpurkhas. He is the President of Thar Parkar Hindu Panchayat. He is a member of Mirpurkhas Municipality. He comes from a very respectable Hindu family. His great grandfather had rendered services to Sind and even upto day Seth Harchandrai has Jagirs given to him for the services done by his forefathers. Seth Harchandrai is a very influential zamindar of his district and has won the heart of both Hindus and Muslims by his broad-mindedness and charity. He is still young and in due course of time he is bound to be a front rank Hindu leader of Sind.

Late Honourable K. B. Sardar Mahomed Yakub Khan, O.B.E., C.I.E., was one of the towering personalities of Sind. After passing his matriculation examination of the Bombay University in 1875 standing first among the Sind Candidates, he entered as a clerk in Revenue Department. By his honest hard work and dint of merit he rose to the highest post which an Indian could hold in those days of Deputy Commissionership of Tharparkar. In 1903 he was appointed as the Vazir of Khairpur State which post he held till his death. Sardar Sahib had a passion for education. The present Khairpur High School and Boarding House were his creations. It was he who modernised Khairpur State by building the most magnificient buildings the noblest among them being the present Faiz Mahal. He was elected as a member of Bombay Legislative Council from Sind in 1904 and he did very useful work for the betterment of Zamindars there. He presided over the Dacca Mahomedan Education Conference and did a lot to find ways and means to further Muslim education in Sind. For that purpose he carried on correspondence for the Muslim Education Conference in Karachi also. But before the Conference took place he passed away to his Heavenly Home leaving behind an only son Sardar Lookman and a large circle of friends and relations to mourn his loss.

Sardar Hajee Mahomed Lookman a worthy son of his worthy father, has maintained and sustained the fair name of his father. He is a member of Nawabshah District Local Board and is an important member of the Standing Committee of the same Board. He was a nominated Member of Taluka Board, Shahdadpur for a number of years. He was the President of Sunjoro Taluka Zamindar Association, is the Chairman of Sunjoro Medical Board. He was nominated on the Agriculture Board by the Sind Government. He was a member of Sind Madrasah Board and its Standing Committee. He is an important member of Naushoro Feroz Madrasah Board.

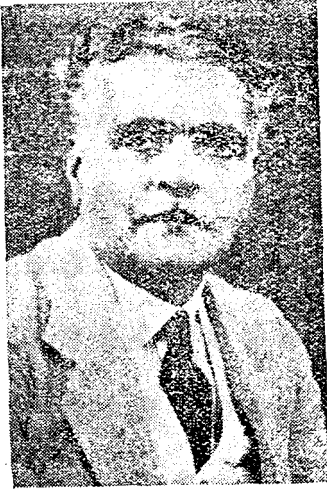
He is a Patron of Muslim Jamait Gharikhatta, Karachi, Patron Naujuwan Muslim Jamait, Nawabshah. Member of Local Self Government Institute in Sind.

He had been to Holy Land Macca for Haj. He is the President of Sunjoro Masjid Board. Sardar Sahib as a Sub-National leader takes keen interest in National War Front movement and has done lot to further the cause of War by his active co-operation. At Sunjoro, Nawabshah District he fed and clothed poor on the "Tunisia Victory Day", and has opened Depots there to sell wheat, kerosine, and other essential aricles to the poor at cheaper rates.

Sardar Lookman is a young educated Muslim hailing from a most respected family of Sind. He, like his father is very mindful about the needs of the poor Muslims of village and is doing his best to better their state and standard by educating them on the proper lines. He presided over the Prophet day celebration at Wai (Maharashtra) Satara District.

Mahomed Yakub his eldest brilliant boy named after his grandfather is receiving the best of education to fit him to shoulder the future responsibilities, like his father and grandfather.

Late Dewan Gopaldas Jhamatmal Advani was not only a leading Lawyer of Hyderabad, but a respected and beloved citizen of Sind. His life was devoted to service of the City. As a Municipal Counsellor he did much to improve the civic life of the City. He used to take part in politics just for the love of mother India. He was always for purity of administration in the Municipality and honesty in public life. He was honest in every walk of life. With his honesty, he built up such a name that all those who came in contact with him love and respect him even today. The famous firm of advocates at Hyderabad Gopaldas Jhamatmal bears his name which his worthy son Mr. Hotchand has continued and expanded on the line of honesty. The Road leading to Courts in West Katcha is named after him for his services to the City of Hyderabad.

Late Abdul Rehman, Bar-at-Law was educated first at the Sind Madressah-tul-Islam. Later he left the Madressah and passed his matriculation from Shikarpur. He then joined the Dayaram Jethmal Sind College but gave it up shortly thereafter and studied law. He passed his pleader's examination in 1904 and joined the late Rais Ghulam Mohamed Bhurgri at Hyderabad, Sind. In 1909 he left for England and returned a barrister-at-law in 1912. He then started his practice in Karachi. He continued practice in Karachi until April 1929 when he left for Kenya Colony in East Africa. He practised there (at first in Mombasa and then in Nairobi) up to 1936 when he returned to Karachi where he practised until his death on the 26th of February 1943.

Among the more sensational cases he conducted were the famous Larkana Riot Cases in 1926. They occupied him for over six months. Yet another famous case was the Tikamdas murder case (1936-37) in Shikarpur in which the murder was the outcome of the burning of Quran leaves in the town.

Besides being a brilliant advocate he was an accomplished orator. He had not only an exquisite command over language, but also a mastery over languages, being more than familiar with many. A gifted conversationalist besides, he could raise his conversation to the heights of oratorical eloquence as easily as he could, when occasion called, infuse into his oratory the homeliness and persuasiveness of a conversation. This perhaps was the chief cause of his great popularity and secret of the rapidity with which he made friends of all, however high or low, who came in the slightest contact with him.

Education was, with him, more than a hobby. He took the greatest interest in the Sind Madressah-tul-Islam. From the day he became a student there until his very death he remained connected with that ancient institution (as student, old boy and member of Board) with the few breaks necessitated by his two voyages abroad. Perhaps it is in the hearts of those who were students of the Madressah during his periods as Member of the Board that he will be most remembered.

Mr. Kurbanhussain G. Alavi is young rising Bohra of advanced views. He is a partner in the famous firm of Yousafali Alibhoy Karimjee & Co. He is a Land Lord and a Merchant. Mr. Kurbanhussain takes keen interest in business affairs. He is a member of the Managing Committee of the Buyer's & Shipper's Chamber of Karachi. He is the acting Hon. Secy. of Muslim Chamber of Commerce, Karachi. He is also a director of Foodgrain Syndicate of Karachi. Mr. Kurbanhussain is a fine sports man. He is a member of Muslim Gymkhana, Karachi and was the Hon. Secretary of Karachi Academy Sport Committee. As the Hon. Secretary of Karachi Academy Sport Committee he along with Mr. Abbasi the then Principal of Karachi Academy brought a revolution in the field of Sports. The Karachi Academy became the Champion of Inter School Hockey Tournament and also Inter School Cricket Tournament. It was during his and Mr. Abbasi days that the Scouts and students of Karachi Academy were sent to Quetta by the Commissioner-in-Sind to render help in Quetta Earthquake, in 1935. Both he and Mr. Abbasi had the honour of being presented to H. H. the Viceroy, late Lord Willingdon when he came to Karachi to thank all those who had helped in Quake work. Mr. Kurbanhussain is a great social figure of Karachi. Besides Karachi Club, he is a member of many clubs and societies. He is still young and has a fine future before him marking him out for a great work.

Hussain Manzal, Garden Quarter, Karachi.

Seth Tahilram Seth Teckchand Bhirvani is a leading Land Lord and a Zamindar of Tando Jam. He was a member of District Local Board Hyderabad Sind. He was awarded a Sword of Honour by H. E. The Governor of Sind at Hyderabad Durbar. He is a leading member of Tando Jam Hindu Panchayat and is a very keen social, religious and political worker of his town. He is a popular figure of his place and is known for his charity and good work. *Address* :—Seth Tahilram Teckchand J.P., Prop: Seth Teckchand Tirathdas, Tando Jam.

Dr. E. D. Shroff, C.B.E., J.P., L.R.C.P. & S.E., D.P.H., (London) Retired Chief Officer, Karachi Municipal Corporation, Born 5th October 1884 at Bombay (British India). Was appointed Medical Officer of Pilgrim Observation Camp at Perim, 1911-12.

He served as the Medical Officer for 22½ years and as the Chief Officer of the Karachi Municipal Corporation for 5½ years. He was Honorary Secretary of the Karachi Health Association for 5 years; Honorary Secretary of the Karachi Club for 14 years; a member of the Executive Committee, Imperial Indian War Relief Fund during the Great War of 1914-1919; Honorary Secretary, War League, West India. During the War rendered valuable assistance to No. 1 and No. 37 Indian General Hospitals at Karachi.

He was President of the Poor Patients Medical Relief Society, Karachi. Honorary Secretary, Mayor's Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund; Chairman, Entertainment Committee, Mis Majesty King George V Jubilee Fund; Honorary Secretary, His Late Majesty King George V Sind Memorial Fund; President, Rotary Club of Karachi, 1937.

He is now the Hon. Secretary of the Karachi City War Committee; Member of the Sind Joint War Committee and the Hon. Secretary, Special Purposes Sub-Committee. He is Controller, A. R. P. Service, Karachi and the Assistant Rationing Officer.

He is the Chairman of the Overseas League, Karachi.

He was Awarded Kaiser-in-Hind Silver Medal in 1921. Awarded the title of O.B.E., in June 1933, and C.B.E., in January 1941.

Seth Shamdas Teckchand is one of the finest personalities of Tando Jam. He is a popular figure of his town and is loved and respected by both Hindu and Muslims. He was a member of District Local Board Tando Bago for 8 years and is an important member of Tando Jam Hindu Panchayat. He is an enlightened and a cultured Land Lord and a Zamindar. *Address:*—Seth Shamdas Teckchand Land Lord and Zamindar, Tando Jam.

Maneckji Nusserwanji Dhalla, born in 1875 at Surat. Educated at Karachi, Bombay and Columbia University, New York. Took the degree of M. A. (Columbia University) 1906; Ph. D. in 1908. On the occasion of the celebration of 175th anniversary of King George III College of New York, which has developed into Columbia University, was awarded the Honorary degree of Litt. D. Ordained High Priest of Parsees at Karachi in September 1909. Originated Zoroastrian Conference at Bombay, 1910. Fellow of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

Travelled in Persia and Mesopotamias for research work in 1922. Created Shams-ul-ulema in 1935. Author of "Zoroastrian Litannies", Zoroastrian Theology, "Zoroastrian Civilization," "Our Perfecting World", "History of Zoroastrianism," and "Homage unto Ahura Mazda" and several other works in Gujrati.

Address: 258, R. A. Lines, Karachi.

Mukhi Mangharam Gurdinomal, J.P., is one of the most enlightened personality of Hyderabad. He was educated at Cambridge and practised as a Barrister for some time. His business had taken him abroad where he had lived for many years. He started the Hyderabad Electric Supply Corporation Ltd., and has been running it as its Managing Director for the last 23 years. He has given highest education to his children and they are the leading lights of Bhaibund community. He was elected as the President of Hindu Panchayat Federation. He was a member of D. G. National College. It was entirely through his efforts that Om Mandli was banned. He takes keen interest in Industries, Female education and Panchayats. He is a silent and quiet worker in the cause of Hindu community especially of Bhaibunds where crying need is female education. He is the only Bhaibund who has given his daughters the highest education. *Address* :—The Managing Director, Hyderabad Electric Supply Corporation Ltd.

Mr. Merwanji Edulji Kandawala, J.P., born in Karachi on 13th August 1875, Landlord, Merchant, a shrewd businessman of long experience and Zamindar with extensive landed interest in Sind and particularly in Karachi District and the founder of Kandawalla Company, a pioneer of Automobile business, is a prominent Parsee personality of Karachi, owning extensive lands, buildings and Automobile business in Bombay, Karachi and Lahore. Mr. Merwanji Kandawalla is scion of an old Parsi family, having influential connections since the days of the East India Company. One Mr. Merwanji Kandawalla, then better known as Merwanji of Henshaw, accompanied Sir John Malcolm the then Governor of Bombay in 1767, on the British Commercial and diplomatic mission to Teheran. He is a Trustee of Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Funds and H. M. Khajurina Technical Trust Fund. He is Chairman, Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Funds Agriculture Scheme. He was on the Managing Committee of Bai Virbaiji Sopariwalla Parsi High School for ten years, where he has donated a Library on 27th January 1918 in memory of his parents Bai Dhunbai and Edulji Bejonji Kandawalla Library. He is taking keen interest in education. The Technical Bias Class of the School was also introduced by him, he being one of the members of Technical Bias Committee. He is also lover of Physical Culture and Athletic Class and he along with late K. B. Nusserwanji R. Mehta started the Physical Culture Class in the school which is running upto now. He is Chairman, Richmond Crawford Veterinary Hospital Committee, Malir Dispensary Committee, Karachi Municipal Corporation Public Works Committee, Shewaram Dewanmal Ferry Committee. President, Sahitaya Cutch Famine Relief Funds Committee, Karachi Taluka Zamindars Association. Vice-President, Land Owners' Defence Association. Member, Karachi Municipal Corporation, Karachi Cantonment Board, Karachi District Local Board, Cantonment and its Building Committee, Karachi Municipal Corporation Health Committee, Muslim Grave Yards Committee, Excise Committee, Parsi Co-operative Housing Society, Hiranand Leper Asylum Committee, Parsi Poor Patients Relief Society, Lady Linlithgow Tuberculosis Fund Collection Committee, Maharaj Deepchand Ojha Tuberculosis Sanatorium Managing and Building Committee, here he has donated a cottage in the memory of his parents Bai Dhunbai and Edulji Bejonji Kandawalla and one additional cottage in memory of his Mother-in-law Bai Manekbai and Father-in-law Seth Limji Nusserwanji. Member, Literacy Fund

Collection Committee, Karachi District and Taluka Vigilence Committee, Karachi District Agriculture Committee, Karachi District Rural Uplift Committee, Member, Managing Committee Tatta Cosmopolitan Housing Society in Nichalabad, Tatta, Life Member and on Managing Committee of L. T. Hospital Maternity Home and Child Welfare, Tatta. He is the founder of the Kandawala Parsi Colony (comprising about 60 Acres for building) in Nichalabad, Tatta. Member and also Life Governor, Lady Dufferin Hospital, Karachi District and Taluka War Committee. Delegate, Parsi Matrimonial Court and Life Member, Indian Red Cross Society. Member, Entertainment Committee in connection with the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Late King George the Fifth and building of Silver Jubilee Town. His services were appreciated by the Commissioner in Sind and Chairman of the Executive Committee Mr. Collins and in appreciation of his successful services, he was presented with a Souvenir and Silver Jubilee Medal in May 1935. Mr. Merwanji is Managing Partner of Messrs. Pallonji Edulji & Co., well known firm of Sanitary Engineers and Contractors of Karachi and Bombay. One of the oldest Architect and Licensed Surveyors of Karachi Municipality. He is authority on lands and for his expert advice and wide experience he is appointed the only member on Committee of Fixation of Land Value and assessment of Karachi Municipality for Municipal and Government lands since last ten years. Approved Government, Military, North Western Railway, Municipality and Port Trust Contractor, and the first Chairman and founder, Karachi Urban Co-operative Bank. His experience has been utilized even by Government for advice and help to the tribunal of Town Planning Scheme also. Mr. Kandawalla has done a lot for Rural Reconstruction and improvement of Sindhi Breed of Cattles and Agriculture. His interest in Hotriculture took him on a visit to Lyallpore, where he gathered valuable information on which he is experimenting on an extensive scale in Sind, and it will not be out of way to mention that when Sir John Russel, Expert Scientific Adviser to Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and Dr. Wright, Animal Husbandry Expert both from England were invited by His Excellency Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India to see and investigate Agriculture and Cattle Breeding for India and in Sind, were much impressed by the work done by Mr. Merwanji Edulji Kandawalla and wrote him a letter of appreciation for the good work, advice and suggestions given by him. He is Member of Durbari Levy of H. E. the Viceroy and Governor of Sind. His wide experience, sound commonsense, wisdom and organising ability should be invaluable to people of Sind and Karachi and in particular to the Parsi community in whose interest it is administered.

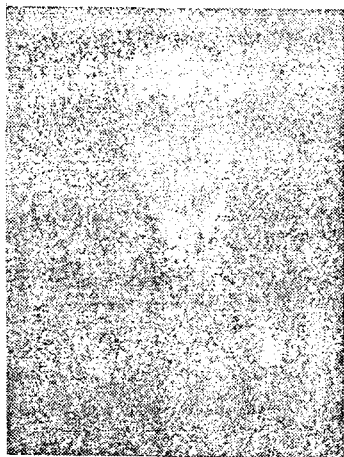
Khan Bahadur Ghulam Nabi Kazi, the Muslim Grand Old Men of educational Department is one of the most respected personalities of Sind. He passed his B.A. examination in the second class in 1906 and took to Zamindari and Horticultural work for which he has a passion. It was in 1913 that he was induced by the late Honourable K. B. Allahdino Shah to be the Principal of Nosharo Feroze Madressah which was started for the Sons of Zamindars. He was appointed as a Deputy Educational Inspector in 1919 and became the Head Master of Nasharo Feroze Government Madressah and High School in 1926. He was appointed as the administrative officer of Larkana District Local Board in 1927. He became the Personal Assistant to Educational Inspector in 1931. He was made Khan Bahadur in 1934. In 1935 he became the educational Inspector in Sind. In April 1936 when Sind was separated he became the first Director of Public Instructions of Sind from which post he retired in 1939.

He now leads a retired life and has taken up his old hobby of Horticultural presents and near Malir where he has a piece of land.

Mr. Aftab G. Kazi, I.C.S., his son is a young Muslim of culture and cut. After matriculating from N. J. High School standing first among the Sind Candidates obtaining distinctions in Mathemetics and Science, he joined the D. J. Sind College. In his Inter Science examination he stood first among the candidates of Bombay University getting a Scholarship and a prize. He secured a brilliant first class in his B.SC., examination and he got his M.SC in Second Class. Within total period of 13 years he completed his Primary, Secondary, and College Education. And also passed his Audit and Allied examination in 1942 and got his I.C.S., in January 1943. He has been selected for his I.C.S., job and is under going training at Dehra Dun. Mr. Aftab is the second Muslim from Sind who passed his I.C.S., examination first being the late Mr. Ali Ahamed Hassanally who passed his I.C.S., in 1896 the first Sindhi who secured that distinction.

Late Mr. Nusserwanji Rustomji Mehta was one of the most respected personalities of Parsee Community. The life of late Mr. Nusserwanjee reads like a romance. The Tiles Factory which he started in 1908 was the first of its kind in Sind. The Hyderabad Ice Factory which he started in 1900 too was the first Ice factory in Sind and so was the Aerated Water Works which he started in Karachi. He could be called the Pioneer of above factories in Sind. He was one of the finest business man known for his honesty and integrity upto this day. The Nusserwanjee brand whether it may be a Tile or a Marble, Soda bottle or a Lemon, has the highest value because of the honest name which late Mr. Nusserwanjee has left behind. Besides this he had his Salt Works at Mauripur and also Bharat Tiles Marble Factory at Bombay. The Karachi Steam Roller Flour Mills was also started by him. In business circle he was known as the Grand Old Man of Sind founding many concerns and factories. He was known for his charity and large heartedness. Sind is indeed proud of such a soul, who left such fine factories to carry on his good and honest work. He lived a healthy physical culture clean life. He believed in moderation. He lived upto the age of 77 without a single disease in any part of his body, because he believed in a simple and clean life and acted upto it. He was a self-made man.

Diwan Naraindas Dharamdas Vaswani is one of the most modest retiring worker of Hyderabad. He believes in service and not show. He has been a member of Hyderabad Municipality for 21 years and has been its President more than once. He was the Chairman of Khudabadi Amil Co-operative Bank Ltd., since last 8 years and a member since its start. He is a member of management of Sind Provincial Co-operative Bank, Hyderabad, a member of committee of management of Khudabadi Amil Co-operative Agricultural Association. He is one of the most respected citizen of Hyderabad, Sind. *Address* :—Diwan Naraindas Dharamdas Vaswani, Hirabad Extension, Hyderabad Sind.

R. S. Naraindas Teckchand Thadhani, J.P., Zamindar of Keti Bunder is one of the leading citizens of Karachi District. He was an Honorary Magistrate with first class powers from 1926 till the time that the system of Honorary Magistrate was abolished. He remained as a member of the District Local Board, Karachi for a considerable period, is a member of School Board, of District Local Board of Karachi and has been its Vice-Chairman also.

He was the President of Keti Bunder Municipality for 14 years and did very useful work for the City.

Rai Sahib is a much respected in Government circle and has worked on many committees appointed by Sind Government from time to time as a useful member, such as Rural Uplift Committee Agricultural, Irrigation, Vigilance and Dufferin Fund Committee etc., etc., Rai Sahib has always taken active interest in War Fund activities and is a Deputy Leader of National War Front and has himself paid and collected handsome donations for War Fund. He is respected both by Hindus and Muslims of Karachi District and has done a lot to improve the state of his Haris. Rai Sahib Naraindas is known for his public services as he has always taken interest in the affairs of his District. He has been painstaking and active member of any committee when he has been called upon to serve. For his unique services to the public and Government, he was made a Rai Sahib in 1935. *Address:*—Keti Bunder, Karachi District.

K. S. Mahomed Aslam son of K. B. Mahomed Ibrahim Sheikh is one of the most famous Muslims of Hyderabad Sind. After the death of late lamented leader Noor Mahomed he has shouldered the responsibilities of managing the Noor Mahomed High School, Hyderabad. He was a member of Hyderabad District Local Board for 10 years and a member of Hyderabad Municipality and is the Honorary Secretary of the Muslim Education Society, Hyderabad, and is a member of D. G. National College Board and R.T.A. Hyderabad District. He is the Chairman of Lower Sind Zamindari Co-operative Bank Ltd. He takes keen interest in co-operative movement, Muslim education and is a leading young Muslim of Hyderabad with push and pluck.

Mir Kaim Khan Mir Yar Mahomed Khan Talpur, of Tando Jam is a leading Land Lord, Zamindar and Jagirdar of Hyderabad District. He was a Member of Hyderabad Taluka Local Board for 12 years and was Member of Hyderabad District Local Board for 9 years. He was the President of Hyderabad District Local Board for three years. He is a Member of Tando Jam Municipality.

Mir Sahib is a most respected personality of his place, and is loved and liked both by Hindus and Muslims as he is a Commissioner's Darbari and Purwana holder of the Mirs Land. Mir Yar Mahomed his only son is young promising Mir who is very fond of his father and is very charitable minded. Everyday he gives to the poor what he gets from his father and some time he spends ten to twenty rupees to be given to the poor beggars.

Both he and his father are well known for their charity and broadmindedness and have given thousands to the needy and poor to help them in their wants.

Sardar Bahadur Mir Hajee Hussain Bux Khan Talpur of Tando Mahomed is one of the oldest Mirs of Sind coming direct from the ruling race. Mir Sahib is a colourful personality among the Mirs of Hyderabad and Tando Md. Khan. He was the President of All India Baluch Conference, and President of Jagirdar of Sind.

Sardar Bahadur was the first non-official Vice-President of the Hyderabad District Local Board. He was the President of Tando Mahomed Khan Municipality for over 18 years. Mir Sahib takes keen interest in Muslim education. He has donated a block in the Aligarh College for the use of poor and deserving Muslim Boys. He helps a number of poor boys who receive their education in Sind Madressah, Karachi and Lawrence Madressah, Tando Bago.

Mir Sahib has rendered very good assistance to War Fund by giving a decent donation of Rs. 52,000/- to War Fund. For his public services, Government has honoured Mir Sahib by conferring on him the title of Sardar Bahadur in 1943.

Mir Sahib is a kindly old man of a real Mir type, doing his bit for the welfare of his Muslim Community.

Address : Tando Mahomed Khan,
Hyderabad Sind District.

Mir Ghulam Allah Khan Mir Hajee Hussain Bux Khan Talpur, J.P., Ag. Diploma (Poona) M.L.A., is a leading Land Lord and Jagirdar of Tando Mahomed Khan. He is a much respected personality of his place and is the President of Tando Mahomed Khan Municipality. He is a member of Lower Sind Wakf Committee. Mir Sahib comes from the famous Mirs of Sind and is a young educated Mir with a good future before.

Address : Tando Mahomed Khan.

Mir Sultan Ali Khan Mir Yar Mahomed Khan Talpur, Zamindar, Jagirdar and Land Lord of Hyderabad District Tando Jam is a fine personality of his place.

[illegible] improvements of his land. He is a very charitable minded Mir and has given thousands to the poor and needy. He comes from the famous Mirs of ruling race and as such enjoys a very fine reputation for his courage and conviction. Mir Sahib is much respected and is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims of his place.

Mir Mahomed Khan, his sons, is a young rising Mir and is receiving best of education to fit him to shoulder the responsibilities of his father.

Address :—Tando Jam,
Hyderabad District.

Mir Imambux Khan Sardar Bahadur Mir Allahdad Khan Talpur comes from the most respected ruling family of Mir Sher Mahomed Khan Talpur. He is a Sub-leader of National War Front Mirpurkhas District. He has taken as his life mission to spread education among Muslims. He is paying the fees in the form of Scholarships to 36 Muslims deserving students studying in Mirpurkhas Madressah. He is a leading Zamindar and Land Lord of Mirpurkhas. He gets political pension. He is one of the most respected Mirs of his district. *Address:*—Mir Imambux Khan Talpur Mirpurkhas.

K. S. Sardar Allah Bux Khan, J.P., is the Chief of Kakepota of Allahdad Village. He is one of the leading Land Lords and Zamindars of his District and is the chief of his Kakepota community. He is keen on education and has given best education to his children. As a Zamindar he has done a lot to improve the state of his poor Haris and has introduced modern methods of Agriculture. He as a sub-leader National War Front, by his active co-operation has helped War Fund considerably by his collection and contribution. His two sons Ali Ahmed and Noor Ahmed are receiving best of education. Sardar Habibullah Khan his brothers' son, is a great help to Khan Sahib in managing his lands, and fields.

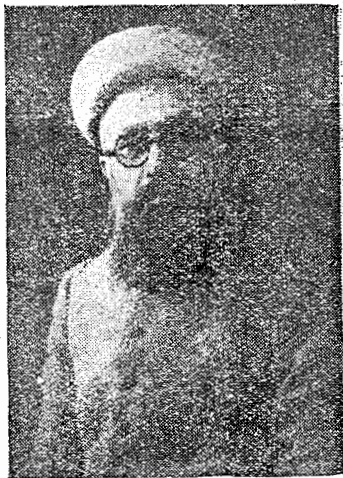
Sardar Mahomed Ali Shah, J. P., Land Lord and Zamindar comes from a most respected Muslim family of Sind. He is an educated and cultured young man with a very broad outlook on life. He is the Chairman, District Local School Board, Hyderabad Sind and a Sub-leader National War Front and a member District Local Board, Hyderabad Sind. He takes keen interest in Muslim education and is an important member of Governing body of Muslim Education Society, Hyderabad Sind. He is a member of the Cotton Committee, The Civil Hospital, Hyderabad Sind and The War Committee. He is respected both by Hindus and Muslims and is held in high esteem.

Address :—Sardar Mahomed Ali Shah, J.P., Matiari (Sind).

Seth Mulla Mahomedali S. Ismailjee Rawalpindi-walla N. K. D., Contractor, Land Lord and Merchant is a religious minded, pious person of Bohra personality. His late lamented father Shaikh Ismailjee started his business in Karachi in 1860. From there he went to Peshawar and finally started his famous and well reputed business in Rawalpindi in 1865 under the name and style of S. Ismailjee Alibhoy and Sons. After the death of his father Seth Mulla Mahomedali extended and expanded his business to a considerable extent. Seth Mahomedali was a merchant prince in Rawalpindi having friends among the most notable personalities of his time. The late Viceroy and Governor General Lord Willingdon was among the many high officials who were his friends. General Birdwood, C-in-C. and late Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan the Premier of Punjab were his close associates. His Highness the Maharaja of Kashmir used to visit and be visited by him. It was through his noble efforts that Rawalpindi today has a Jamia Musjid.

Seth Mahomedali has now retired from business leaving the famous firm to his sons to run. As he has his relations and friends in Karachi, and the largest number of members of his Bohra community here and also the lovely temperate climate of Karachi, Seth Mahomedali has come back to the city which his father left in 1860.

Seth Mahomedali has given thousands in charity and he leads a very simple and religious life. He is a very clever and learned man and a fine scholar of the Holy Quran, study of which he has made his mission of life. Though a prince among the merchants, he is a Fakir before his Maker seeking His light morning, noon and night.

Seth Abdul Hussain Noorbhoy Lotia, N.K.D., J.P., is an important member of the Bohra Community of Karachi. He is a Land Lord, Zamindar, Banker and a Government Contractor. He is the Hon: Secretary of Faiz Hussaini Trust and the Hon: Treasurer of the Bohra Charitable Dispensary and Maternity Home of Karachi.

Seth Abdul Hussain is the proprietor of the most reputed and famous firm of Noorbhoy Esmailji Lotia, which was started by his late lamented father in 1895. This firm is noted for Hardware goods, its specialities are Tools and Mill Stores. Seth Abdul Hussain in one of the most devoted followers of His Holiness, the Mullaji Sahib. In 1936 he arranged His Holiness tour through India, Iraq, Palestine and Egypt. The success of the tour was entirely due to the untiring efforts of Seth Abdul Hussain.

Seth Abdul Hussain Lotia has given thousands in charity, but in a way where the left hand has not known what the right hand has done.

He is one of the most respected leader of the Bohra Community. He has done a lot to improve the state and standard of the members of his community. He is very much interested in social and educational problems of his community and has done very good work in the cause of Bohra education.

In short Seth Abdul Hussain Lotia, is one of the most colourful characters of his community in Karachi.

Address : Seth Abdul Hussain Noorbhoy Lotia,
Bunder Road, Karachi.

Capt. Hoosainbhoy A. Bandukwalla, J.P., N.K.D., A.D.C. to H. H. The Nawab of Bahawalpur is the proprietor of the ancient and most reputed firm of Messrs. Abdoolally Moosabhoy & Sons, dealing in Arms & Ammunition, Soda Water requisites Chemical Drugs, Perfumes, started in 1872 by his late revered father. This notable firm has been appointed as the Sporting Ammunition Suppliers to H. E. The Viceroy & Governor-General of India by appointment, having a Branch in Lahore styled and named as Messrs. Buksh Elahie & Co. Capt. Hoosainbhoy is a great personality of Karachi. He is the oldest sitting member of the Karachi Municipal Corporation where he has served the City as a City Father for over 25 years continuously. He is an important member of the Karachi District Local Board and Vice-Chairman of Tatta (Sind) Electric Supply Company Ltd. He is a non-official visitor of the Karachi District Prison and a member of the Sind Madressah Board. He is a Trustee of the Faiz Hussaini Trust of Karachi and Iraq and a member of the Haji Port Committee. He is known for his generosity and charity and is a great social figure in Karachi where he has created a number of friends among the members of other communities. He is a loyal friend, loved by those who come into contact with him, which is clear from the fact that when H. H. The Nawab of Bahawalpur went to attend the Coronation of His Majesty the King Emperor in 1937 in London, he took with himself Capt. Hoosainbhoy as his personal friend, a unique honour which no Bohra has shared upto this day. He is a leading Landlord and Zamindar of Karachi.

Capt. Hoosainbhoy was the first Sindhi who built the famous Steamer S. S. 'Hyderi' along with late Seth Tayabali. He is an important Director of the Karachi Daily and Indur Printing Press Ltd. He is also a Director of Sind National Bank Ltd., Karachi.

He is one of the most lovable personalities of Karachi, loved and liked by both Hindus and Muslims. Capt. Hoosainbhoy had the honour of accompanying H. H. The Nawab of Bahawalpur to Mecca for Haj as his close comrade.

Address :—Capt. Hoosainbhoy A. Bandukwalla,
Marriot Road, Karachi.

Dr. C. H. Primlani, M.B.B.S., F.R.F.P. and S.F.R.C.S., is a great social figure of Karachi. He is the Hon : Surgeon of Civil Hospital, Karachi, Ex Vice-President, Indian Medical Association, Calcutta, Ex President, Sind Medical Union, Secretary, Health Culture Institute, Karachi, President, Sindhi Gymkhana, Karachi. Dr. Primlani comes from a very respectable family of Hyderabad, being son of late Mr. Hassomal Kalachand a leading Lawyer and once President of Hyderabad Municipality. Dr. Primlani was a Captain in the Indian Medical Service from 1915 to 1923 during the last Great War.

He is connected with several charitable institutions. He is one of the leading Surgeons of Sind, loved and respected by those who come in contact with him.

He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hindustan Trading Corporation (India) Ltd., and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Sind Swadeshi Stores, Karachi.

Address :—Dr. Primlani C. H.,
Bunder Road, Karachi.

Mr. Rehmutallah Ghulam Hussain Chagla is a fine personality of the Karachi Khoja Community. He is a leading Land Lord of Karachi. He has visited Europe fifteen times and has seen every part of the World. He is very fond of travelling, music and novel reading. He comes from the most famous and notable family of Chagla being the younger brother of Seth Ghulam Ali Chagla one of the makers of Karachi. Mr. Chagla is a Director of Karachi Electric Supply Corporation, Ltd. He is a very sociable and society figure of Karachi, being an old member of the Karachi Club. He is loved and liked by the members of all communities and is held in high esteem by those who come in contact with him.

Address :—Clifton, Karachi.

Late Mr. Santdas Mangharam, Advocate of Hyderabad was a leading lawyer of his days. Though an advocate he dedicted his life to the service of Sind. He was one

of those who gave Sind a political life. A trained and tried leader he tried his best upto the end of his life to bring about Hindu-Muslim Unity in Sind. Being one of the closest friends of late Hon'ble Ghulam Mahomed Bhurgri and a true disciple of late Dr. Annie Besant of Theosophical Society, he did not leave any stone unturned to bring about everlasting unity between the two sister communities of Sind. It was men like Mr. Santdas who saved Hyderabad from communal quarrels. He was not only an advocate of outstanding merit, but a leader of a sterling character. Late Mr. Santdas will be known in the history of Sind as a towering personality in politics more than a leading lawyer of ability and importance.

Late Mr. Manikrai Jhangiani started his famous Jewellers shop in the Elphinstone Street in 1881 under the name and style of J. Manikrai & Sons. They are the manufacturing Jewellers, Silver Smith, Diamond and precious stone merchants, Specialists in Sports Trophies, Electroplators, Engravers and Repairer of all sorts of Jewellery, Silver wares, Watches. Manufacturers of the caskets, etc., presented to H.I.M. The King Emperor and almost all the World's personalities visiting India. They are the holders of the highest Awards conferred on any Sind Jewellers. After the death of Mr. Manaikrai his son Mr. Santdas has expanded and extended his business to a considerable extent and today J. Manikrai & Sons stands the oldest and best Jewellers shop in whole of Sind and perhaps one of the best in whole of India.

Bhai Tikamdas Pritamdas, J.P., late Managing Director of Ganesh Khopra Mills Co., Ltd., Karachi, has the keenest brains for business. From 1918 to 31st March 1943 he was the Managing Director of the Ganesh Khopra Mills of Karachi. With a capital of 20 thousands, when he took charge of the Company, he gave the Company when he retired a capital of 20 lakhs. Besides being a great businessman, he is a great social figure of Karachi. He is one of the oldest members of Karachi Club.

He takes keen interest in religious and social welfare of his community. He was the President of Arya Samaj for five years. He is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Karachi S. P. C. A.

Seth Tikamdas has given thousands in charity but in a very silent and quiet way without making any show of what he has done. His charity is universal. Both Hindus and Muslims benefit by his broadmindedness and goodness of heart. He is a great believer in Hindu-Muslim Unity. Now he has started his own business running in the name of his son Ghanshamdas Tikamdas Mehta doing Commission Agent and Karaina business near Khory Garden. Seth Tikamdas will always be remembered as a great businessman and social figure of Sind.

Seth Udharam Ramachand, Zamindar, Land Lord and Banker, is a leading Land Lord of Karachi District. He is the Vice-Chairman of Karachi District, School Board and is a member of Dispensary Committee, Sujawal.

Seth Sahib has rendered great help to War efforts and has donated large sums for War funds. Seth Sahib is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims of his place.

Address :—Jati,
Karachi District.

Rais Rasul Bux Khan Mahomed Khan Uner, J.P., M.L.A., is a leading Land Lord and Zamindar of Nawabshah District. Rais Sahib is a towering personality of his district and is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims for his broadmindedness and goodness. Rais Sahib comes from the famous race of Uners whose Chief he is. He is an important member of Nawabshah District Local Boad.

As the Chief of his race he has done a lot to improve the state of his people. Rais Sahib is a very charitable minded person and has done a lot of charity for the welfare of the poor and needy. Rais Sahib is a very keen worker in the cause of education and has done much to spread education among the Muslims of his District.

Address :—Kazi Ahmed, Nawabshah District.

Diwan Teckchand Hassasing Gidwani comes from the most famous and ancient Gidwani family taking the family name after the famous Dewan Gidumal in whose memory the present Gidu Bunder near Hyderabad stands. Diwan Teckchand has been a member of Gidu Mental Hospital for years and was the President Tando Adam Municipality for 12 years and a member of Hyderabad District Local Board and Nawabshah for 30 years. He is one of the oldest municipal councillors of Hyderabad Municipality serving the City for over 30 years. He has been its Vice-President and Chairman of the Standing Committee. He is the respected Mukhi of Gidwani Panchayat. He is the Ex-Chairman and Director of Zamindari Co-operative Bank Ltd., Hyderabad and a Director, Co-operative Credit Sceiety Bank Ltd., Hyderabad and the President Nava Vidyala High School and is a member and Ex-vice Chairman of Hyderabad Civil Hospital and is also a member Hyderabad Jail Visitors Committee and is the Chairman of Works Committee and a Director of Electric Corporation, Jaccbabad. He is a most busy body doing social, religious and political work to serve his City according to his light.

Address : Diwan Teckchand Hassasing, J. P., Land Lord and Zamindar, Hyderabrd Sind.

Lala Bansi Dhar Kapoor, the famous paper prince of Punjab is a fine personality. Simple in habits he has high ideas of life. Simple living and high thinking has been his motto in life. It was in February 1911 that he succeeded late Lala Balmokand Kapoor as the proprietor of the paper firm in Amritsar. From 1911 to this day Lalaji has expanded and extending the business to such an extent that today it stands like a big tree with branches spreading far and wide. The Bansi Dhar Kapoor & Sons firm has branches in Amritsar, Chheta, Delhi, Jullunder, Lahore, Ludhiana, Lyallpur, Rawalpindi, Sialkote and Karachi. The secret of the firm growing from more to more could be summed up in one word, *i. e.* Honesty. The firm is known for its fair and honest dealing with the public. Today this is the only firm in Sind which is giving paper to public at the control rate, thus dealing with its large number of clients in a most honest way.

Lala Bansi Dhar Kapoor has made it a mission of his life to live and lead an honest life. Every action of his life reveals honesty. If a customer by mistake sends more than the amount needed for his requirements, the excess is returned to him, it may be a pie or a thousand. Lalajee has given thousands in charity but in a way where left hand has not known what the right hand has done. The word charity is the most misunderstood word. By charity Lalajee means the charity of right type. He has started schools where the right kind of education is imparted to the youth of Punjab.

The famous firm of Bansi Dhar Kapoor and Sons in Karachi has attracted many customers from Sind and Baluchistan because of its absolutely fair dealings with them. Lala Bansi Dhar Kapoor is the head of this firm having branches at various towns including one at Karachi.

Seth Naraindas Lilaram Rupani, Land Lord and Zamindar of Tando Jam is one of the most promising young men of his place. He owns a Cotton and Ginning Factory and also a Pressing Factory at Tando Jam. He takes keen interest in social and religious affairs of his town and he is an important member of Tando Jam Hindu Panchayat. He is a cultured and educated man and has fine taste of his own.

Address : Seth Naraindas Lilaram,
Tando Jam.

Mir Malik Mohammad Khan, Talpur, J.P., is one of the leading Land Lords and Zamindars of Tharparkar. He comes from the famous Talpur family of Ruling Race. He belongs to village Mir Jan Mahomed Khan in Tharparkar District which is named after his late lamented father. He is most enlightened Zamindars who has introduced modern Western methods of Zamindari to improve his lands and he is doing it wonderfully well. Among the Zamindars of his District he ranks the first because of his modern methods of management. He is a young cultured Mir with a taste for reading and improving his estates.

Address : P. O. Rooshanabad, Tharparkar District.

Late R. S. Nihalchand Vazirani was one of the most prominent figures in the field of Sports. He was an Advocate by profession but a sportsman by choice. He was one of the pioneers who started the cricket life in Sind. A sweet smiling gentleman and really a sport is the only way to describe late Rai Sahib Nihalchand whom every one remembers upto this day with affection and admiration.

Late Mr. Ramchand Jethmal was a very resourceful and enterprising businessman. He started his hardware business during the last great war of 1914 and established for his firm an All India reputation for dignity and integrity. He gave generous help to various laudable causes. He bore the cost of two portions of the Sind National College of Hyderabad Sind. His main relaxation was the game of Bridge and was one of the half dozen best players of the game in Sind.

Mr. Bhagwan Ramchand is the only son of late Mr. Ramchand Jethmal well known hardware merchant of Karachi. He went to England in 1928 and became an Honours Graduate of the University of London before the age of 20. He has been extending and expanding his worthy father's business with remarkable ability. He is a widely travelled and well read young man with beautiful manners and rare social charm. He is often called the "Darling" of the Karachi Club. He is very generous and is almost reckless in charity. He has won innumerable prizes for his skill in the game of Bridge, Billiard, etc. In 1942 he married Miss Maya Kundanmal Uttamsing. He lives in a princely style in one of the most tastefully furnished bungalows in Sind.

Seth Sadhuram Harumal Dhanwani, the proprietor of Messrs. S. H. Dhanwani & Co., is the first Sindhi who started the manufacturing of Provision, Chemicals and Perfumery, etc., in 1921. The articles manufactured by Dhanwani & Co., are famous throughout India and today the Company has shown its usefulness all over India for the excellent goods that they make.

This famous Company was started in 1921 under the name of the King Chemical Manufacturing Works by Mr. S. H. Dhanwani for making high class provision, chemical and perfumery.

Address :—S. H. Dhanwani & Co.,
Lawrence Road, Karachi.

Mr. Mohanlal T. Mirchandani, B.A., LL.B., Advocate. Graduated with Second Class Honours in English from the D. J. Sind College in 1928. Passed LL.B. in Second Class in 1930. He was the Editor of the D. J. Sind College Miscellany and also the Tennis Champion of the same College for two years in succession. For one year he was educated in D. G. National College where also he became the Tennis Champion and the Editor of "Phuleli" the organ of that College. After passing his LL.B. he started practice in Karachi with the well-known firm of Wadhumal & Co. In 1933 he left practice and joined a business firm at Bombay. Since 1937 he has been practising once again at Hyderabad. He is now a promising advocate on the criminal side. As General Secretary of Dialdas Club, he wiped off the debts of the Club and put it on the sound financial basis. Being a promising advocate, a Tennis Champion, an excellent Bridge player and a charming conversationalist, Mr. Mohanlal is a very important and popular social figure.

Principal Ram Sahae, B.A., B.T., is one of the prominent personalities of Karachi. He is the Principal of L. R. D. A. V. High School, Karachi. He is not only a popular teacher and a principal but a popular citizen too. It was his popularity with people which brought him to the Karachi Municipal Corporation as a corporator. As a Corporator he has done a lot to improve the Municipal Administration. He takes keen interest in the Civic life of the City of Karachi. As a corporator he has served on many committees of the Corporation.

Principal Ram Sahae is a powerful speaker and a good debator. His speeches and lectures are heard with interest and attention. He is a great social figure and is a member of many clubs and societies. He is an important member of the Rotary Club.

Principal Ram Sahae is a man of culture and education. He takes keen interest in all those activities which are associated with culture and art.

Address : Principal Ram Sahae,
L. R. D. A. V. High School, Karachi.

Mr. Shamdas K. Mehta, J.P., is a great social figure of Karachi. He is an important member of Karachi Club. He is a Land Lord and Excise Contractor.

Mr. Shamdas is not only a businessman and contractor but a great force in the Civic Guards movement. He is a Group Commander of the Motorized Civic Guard force of Karachi. He has many shops and concerns in Karachi, the most notable one is the English Wine Agency shop in the Elphinstone Street. He is a partner in the famous firm of R. S. Kotumal Tarachand.

Address : M/s R. S. Kotumal Tarachand.

Seth Sagarmal. The Eastern Tiles and Concrete Works, was established in 1937. During its short period, this concern has progressed tremendously under

the able management and guidance of its proprietor Seth Sagarmal, who has also started another concern known as Sagar Engineering Works, Lawrence Road, Karachi. They are manufacturers of Cement Flooring Tiles in various beautiful colours and designs and are manufacturers of Sanitary Wares in Mosaic and and Avery Design and also are manufacturers of Cement Concrete Products for beautifying homes and gardens.

Haji Abdul Karim is the proprietor of the famous firm

of H. A. Karim and Brothers, Elphinstone Street, Karachi. The specialities of the firm are Ladies and Gents wares, Jodhpurs and Riding Breeches, Morning Lounge & Dress Suits; Military, Naval & Airforce Uniforms. He is an Army Contractor and Cloth Merchant and General Order supplier.

He, by his honesty, industry and reliability has made the firm one of the best concerns in Karachi. He comes from a most respected family of Sialkot.

Haji Abdul Karim is known for his charity and generosity and is one of the sociable characters of Karachi.

Address : Elphinstone Street, Karachi.

Late Rai Bahadur Dewan Bulchand Dayaram was a great personality of his time. He was from the most noble family being the son of Honourable Dayaram Jethmal after whom the D. J. Sind College is named. Late Rai Bahadur had dedicated his life to the cause of education and was one of those who were inspired by late Sadhu Hiranand and Sadhu Nawalrai. He was the Principal of the School N. H. Academy started by two Sadhu Brothers for a number of years. He was a great scholar and had a burning passion for literature. His contributions both in Sindhi and English were of rare charm. His English was flawless and masterly.

He used to take keen interest in the Civic life of his City and was the President of Hyderabad Municipality for a number of years, where he did a lot to improve the administration of Hyderabad Municipality.

He was a very valuable member of D. J. Sind College Board for a number of years. He was a Fellow of University of Bombay, here too he fought for the rights of Sind. He was really a colourful personality and will always be remembered by his large number of pupils, among whom the present Editor of this book is one, with Love and Affection.

Rai Sahib Seth Rijhumal Gopaldas Bherwani, J.P., Land Lord, Zamindar and Rice Factory proprietor is much respected personality of Tando Jam and Badin. He is the member of District Local Board, Hyderabad Sind and was Chairman Sanitary Committee Badin. President Hindu Panchayat Badin and the Sub-Leader National War Front. Rai Sahib was awarded a Lungi by H. E. the Governor at Hyderabad Darbar for his services rendered to the War Efforts.

Address :—Tando Jam and Badin.

Mr. Dingomal Narainsingh, Bar-at-law of Wadhumal & Co., Advocates, is a leading Lawyer of Sind. He is the only Pleader who has successfully conducted both Civil and Criminal Cases. He is a Director of the Sind Observer Press and takes keen interest in Social, Religious and Political advancement of his community. He has conducted some of the most sensational Criminal and Civil Suits, Chief among them being "The Port Trust Fraud Case", "Late Sir Kothari's Will Case" and many other cases.

Mr. Dingomal is an important member of the Karachi Club and has a very charming personality of his own and is held in high esteem by both Hindus and Muslims for his rare social charm and ability.

Address :—Britto Road, Karachi.

Mr. Parmanand Rewachand Khilnani, M.A., LL.B., is a rising Civil Lawyer of Karachi. After passing his matriculation examination with distinctions from the N. J. High School Karachi, he joined D. J. Sind College where he passed his M.A. examination in 1935. Throughout his college career he was a brilliant student taking keen interest in College activities. Both in B.A., and LL.B., he obtained a high 2nd class. He has been on the managing committee of the Karachi Bar Association and is elected as the auditor for the year 1943-44. He has studied up to LL.M., (Master of Laws) examination of the University of Bombay.

Mr. Parmanand can read and write about 12 Indian and European languages and has travelled widely in India. He is a good writer and has contributed many articles in news papers and Magazines.

He comes from one of the most respected families of Sind. His ancestors have been some of the leading business and public men of this province. There are many trusts and institutions running in the family name of Khilnanis. He is a member of many leading institutions and clubs and is loved and liked by those who come in contact with him.

Address:—Mercantile Cooperative Bank Bldg.

Dewan Bahadur Kalumal Pahlumal, B.A.,LL.B., J.P., retired chief judge, Small Causes Court, was born on 18th April 1877. After graduating in Arts and Law from the Bombay University, he started practice in 1904 and soon established reputation as a leading lawyer. He was a member, Karachi Municipality for about six years and Acting Principal Law College from its inception in Karachi till about the end of 1927. After a brilliant professional and Public career he was appointed Judge, Small Causes Court, Karachi. He as in other activities here acquitted himself creditably and was made Chief Judge under Karachi Small Causes Court Act. Soon after in 1929 he acted as A. J. C. for a few months in the then J.C.'s Court (new Chief Court). Unfortunately owing to ill-health he had to retire in 1935 as Chief Judge of Small Causes Court, Karachi. In appreciation of his services on the Bench, he was given the distinction of Dewan Bahadur in June 1936. He was later on made J.P. He has been all his life religious minded and God-fearing. He has been connected with several charitable trusts and other educational institutions. Besides taking keen interest in various public activities, he has been for the last 6 years, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Daily Paper "Sind Observer."

Address :—Dewan Bahadur Kalumal Pahlumal, B.A.,LL.B., J.P., C/o Messrs. The Ganesh Khopra Mills Co., Khory Garden, Karachi.

Dewan Doulatram Bulchand Advani, M.A., LL.B., J.P., is a great personality of Hyderabad Sind. He became a Municipal Councillor of Hyderabad Municipality in 1919 and became the Chief Officer of the same Municipality in 1922 and retired from that post in 1940. He again became a Municipal Councillor in 1941 and is the President today. He is the President G.D. National College Board, President Hyderabad Education Society, Hon: Principal N. H. Academy, Hyderabad Sind, President Hindu Social Reforms Association, President Hindustan Scout Association, member Governing Council Kundanmal Girls' High School, local Director Sind Provincial Cooperative Bank, Chairman Sind Provincial Cooperative Institute.

Dewan Doulatram is a busy body rendering service to one and all who go to him for help and assistance.

Address :—Hyderabad Sind.

Principal Bharvani Hiralal Srichand, B.A., (Bom.), M.A., (Cantab.), Bar-at-law, was born on 17th April 1905 and was educated at the N. J. High School and D. J. Sind College, Karachi. As a student he had a brilliant career and was the recipient of innumerable prizes and scholarships. He stood first class first in Sind in his B.A. Examination with English and Persian. He was appointed a full-fledged Professor of English in Sind National College, Hyderabad in 1925 before he was 21 years old, perhaps the youngest Professor in India. He proceeded to England in 1927, passed English Tripos (Honours) at Cambridge with French and Italian as his subsidiary languages in 1930. He was unanimously elected President of the Indian Majlis Cambridge. During the same year he was called to the Bar from the Honourable Society of Lincolns' Inn. He joined Harchandrai and Company as an advocate in January 1931. He rejoined Sind National College as senior Professor of English and French on the day when the college was renamed after Diwan Dayaram Gidumal (June 1932). He has been the Principal of the college since December 1938. He has travelled in every part of India and Ceylon and has visited Europe 7 times seeing the Seven Wonders of the World. He is a writer of many learned articles and is a debator of rare power and charm and has improved the College in all directions. During his days the college has grown from more to more, the number of students having risen from under 300 to over 600 within four years. He is a keen Mason having been Right Worshipful Master of his mother lodge Sir Charles Napier (1064 S.C.). He is the President of Rotary Club, Hyderabad, and an old Member of Dialdas and Bhaibund Clubs besides the Karachi Club. His hobbies are Travelling, Music and Novel reading. He has been a University Examiner upto B.A. and is a Member of Bombay University Students Welfare Committee. He comes from one of the best families of Sind, being son of Seth Srichand a Land Lord and Zamindar and is the nephew of Late Harchandrai Vishindas a leading light of Sind and grandson of Seth Vishindas Nihalchand.

Address :—Principal D. G. National College,
Hyderabad, Sind.

Seth Ghanumal Tarachand, J.P., M.L.A., is a leading Land Lord and Zamindar of Tharparkar District. He is a very popular figure of his place and is much respected. It was only in his election that he was elected un-opposed because of his popularity.

Address :—Mirpurkhas, Sind.

Mr. Tarachand K. Gupta, the Managing Partner of the famous firm of Messrs. Khushiram Tarachand, Karachi, is a fine personality in the business circle of Sind. The firm of Messrs. Khushiram Tarachand is is a well-known concern of Karachi having a very extensive business in Iron, Steel and Hardware. They are Building Contractors and Engineers and are on Government approved list. They are the biggest importers and exporters doing business in Sind, Baluchistan and Punjab.

The reputation of the firm under the management of Mr. Gupta has established itself a name for honesty which is unshakable. The Head Office of the firm is in Karachi, having branches at Amritsar, Bombay Calcutta and New York (U. S. A.).

The firm of Messrs. Khushiram Tarachand has been the pride of Sind because it has been the pioneer of Steel Industry in the Province, owning the largest Steel Rolling Mills in Sind, known as Sind Iron and Steel Works, West Wharf Road, Karachi.

Mr. Gupta is a very popular figure in business circle of Sind taking keen interest in the Industrial life of our Province. He is the Honorary Secretary of Karachi Iron, Steel and Hardware Merchants Association and is also working as the Honorary Secretary, Sind Registered Stock Holders (Iron & Steel) Association and the Karachi Tatta Dealers' Association. He is Representative of the Sind Re-rollers' elected Representation on the Executive Committee of All-India Steel Re-Rolling Mills Association, Calcutta, and is on the Advisory Committee attached to the Director General Munition Production.

Mr. Gupta is a young rising Industrialist of our Province and has a fine future before him. He believes that the future of India would only be glorious if she has her industries. The salvation of India lies in developing her Industries. As a true son of the Soil Mr. Gupta is doing his best in that direction.

Address: Bombay Bazar.

Telephones: 2165 and 2430.

Messrs. Jamnadas, Ramgopal, Kishorilal and Devkinandan better known as Gupta Brothers are the proprietors of Messrs. Beharimal Jaggamal. Their firm was started in 1888 in Karachi by their father dealing in Iron, Steel and Hardware. After the death of their respected father they have extended and expanded their business to such an extent that it today has branches at Bombay and Calcutta. They are the Exporters and Importers of Iron, Steel and Hardware doing business in Sind, Baluchistan and Punjab. The firm of Messrs. Beharimal Jaggarnal is the oldest firm of Hardware in Karachi started as far back as 1888. It is one of the most established and reputed firm dealing in all kinds of Hardware, Steel and Iron and it is on Government approved list. Their Showroom on Bunder Road known as Gupta Brothers dealing in H. M. V. refrigerators is a well established concern for upto-date refrigerators in India. The four brothers are well known social figures of Karachi and Bombay society.

The Gupta Brothers are educated and cultured gentlemen of high type and have travelled extensively both in East as well as West and have created a large circle of friends among the businessmen of East and West, which has established cordial relationship in their business connections.

They are loved and respected by those who come in contact with them as they come from the most respectable Gupta family of the Punjab. One of the brothers Seth Ramgopal is a Director of "Sind Observer".

Mr. Devkinandan Gupta who looks after the Bombay Branch is a prominent figure in business and social circles of Bombay. He is a Director of the Discount Bank of India Ltd., 20th Century Insurance Company of Bombay.

Their fair and fine dealings with public as businessmen have won them many customers and clients. They have established a reputation for their honest deal. They are very charitable and have spontaneously given thousands in good causes which need help and assistance without making any show of the same.

Address :—Bombay Bazar, Karachi.
Telegram : Circles.
Telephone No. 2624.

One of the most colourful personalities of Sind is **Mr. Parmanand Kundanmal**, Barrister-at-Law, who is fondly called by his friends and admirers as Lord Parmanand. He is really a lord which is clear from his lordly manners and ways. The life of Mr. Parmanand reads like a romance. He started life with a small beginning and rose to be the Public Prosecutor for Sind in 1933. Some writer has said that "life is a series of sensation". This has been true in the case of Mr. Parmanand. He is one of the most eminent lawyers in Sind and was the Public Prosecutor of Hyderabad for a number of years.

He was engaged some years back by the Pir of Jhando in connection with his appeal before the Privy Council. In 1934 he was nominated by the Sind Hindu Sabha as their candidate for Central Assembly against Mr. Lalchand Navalrai. And although he lost, his popularity appeared to be great. "Roll up the map of my career" said Mr. Parmanand on that occasion. He was a member of the Sind Advisory Committee in 1936. He should have been an asset to the Sind Legislative Assembly but he appears to have lost interest in politics.

Karachi Port Trust.

Chairman—W. E. Bushby, A.C.G.I., A.M. Inst. C.E., I.S.E., J.P.

Vice-Chairman, Elected by the Board, J. H. Blackwell, C.B.E., M.C., J.P., (Burmah-Shell Oil Storage & Distributing Co. of India, Ltd.) Elected as a Port Trustee by the Karachi Chamber of Commerce.

Appointed by Government—Divisional Superintendent, North Western Railway; Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Karachi District; A. A. & Q. M. G., Sind District; Collector of Customs, Karachi; Hatim A. Alavi, (Representative of Labour).

Elected by the Municipal Corporation of Karachi—Khemchand M. Shah.

Elected by the Karachi Chamber of Commerce—R. H. Martin, (Forbes, Forbes, Campbell & Co., Ltd.); P. G. Knott, (Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co.); H. K. C. Hare, (Ralli Brothers Ltd.).

Nominated by Government in default of valid election by the Karachi Indian Merchants' Association—Ahmed Haji Dossal Khatri; Sohrab K. H. Katrak, J.P., F.R.G.S., (Katrak & Co.).

Nominated by Government in default of valid election by the Buyers & Shippers' Chamber—F. M. Sheikha, J.P., (Essaji Ebrahimji & Co.); R. B. Shewaram Dewanmal, J.P.

Principal Officers of the Port Trust.

Chief Engineer—D. B. Brow, M.C., M. Inst. C.E.

Deputy Chief Engineer—E. L. Everatt, M. Inst. C.E., A.M.I. Mech. E.

Chief Accountant—P. C. Jaidka, B. Com. (Birm.), A.C.A.

Traffic Manager—F. G. Cangley, D.S.O., M.C.

Ag. Deputy Conservator—A. A. Goldie.

Secretary—Nenumal Tekchand.

Chief Storekeeper—C. J. T. Rozario.

Mr. Bushby, Walter Edwin, A.C.G.I., A.M. Inst. C.E., I.S.E., J.P., Chairman, Karachi Port Trust, was born on 20th December 1889 and after being educated at Tonbridge School, Kent, and later being an Associate of the City & Guilds Institute, London, served as a pupil on the London & North Western Railway at Crewe. He was appointed to I. S. E. in October 1913 and was posted in Bombay Presidency. His first district was Lake Whiting District, near Poona, where he was Assistant Engineer on the construction of the Bhatgar Dam later called Lloyd Dam. He later served in Irrigation, Sub-divisions in Nira L. B. Canal and on the Jamrao Canal, Sind. He joined up as 2nd Lieutenant in the Second Sappers & Miners, Bangalore and saw service with them in Baluchistan and the North West Frontier going later to Mesopotamia—1916-19.

He returned from Military duty in December 1919 and was re-posted in the Public Works Department on the design of the Sukkur Barrage Project. He was Under Secretary, Public Works Department, Bombay, in 1923-24 and besides in Executive Charge of Nira R. B. Canal (new construction), Dharwar Irrigation Division, Nasik Irrigation.

He was posted again to Sind in November 1931 and held charge of Karachi Canals Division and later Irrigation, Development & Research Division.

From 1937-42, he was Superintending Engineer, Eastern Sind, Northern Sind, Western Sind and Southern Sind Circles and also Special Road Engineer in Sind.

From the 1st April 1942 to date, Mr. Bushby has been the Chairman of the Port Trust. Besides many improvements, Mr. Bushby has been instrumental in working out a scheme for the construction of a MERCHANT NAVY CLUB which is expected to be completed early in 1944 and will fulfil its function in providing refuge and salvation for the Officers and Seamen of all nationalities, irrespective of caste and creed.

Mr. John Humphrey Blackwell was born on the 25th April 1895 and was educated at Bedford School. In the first Great War of 1914-1918 he saw continuous service in France from 1915 to the beginning of 1919, receiving the Military Cross and Bar as well as being Mentioned in Despatches. In 1920, when serving with the 2nd Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at Secunderabad (Deccan), he left the Army to join the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (India) Ltd.

Mr. Blackwell is now Manager of Messrs. Burmah-Shell's Karachi Office which controls the whole of north west India including the Province of Sind, the Punjab and N.W.F.P., Baluchistan, Rajputana and Afghanistan.

In May, when acting as his Company's Manager in New Delhi, he was made a C.B.E. (Civil).

In 1935 he became a member of the Central Assembly and since coming to Sind has been Chairman of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce (1939/40 and 1943/44) and of the Sind Branch of the European Association (1940/41). Mr. Blackwell is also a J.P., a Member of Karachi Port Trust Board, 1939 and its present Vice-Chairman.

Mr. A. G. Abrahams Miller, J. P., is a qualified Mechanic Engineer First Class. Mr. Miller had a fine record to his credit of the Examinations that he has passed to qualify himself for Miller's post. He is a Medalist of London Technological Examination Board and a Medalist of British and Irish Miller Association. He was the only Indian who was taken up by the Government of India from Indian Millers to advise them on Mill affairs under the Control of Government of India during last war. Mr. Miller is held in great respect by the Higher Authorities for his extra-ordinary knowledge of Engineering Work and the working of Mills. His advice is often sought on the question pertaining the working of Mills in India as he is a great authority on the Subject.

Mr. Miller besides being a great Engineer takes keen interest in Civic affairs of our city. He was a Municipal Councillor of Karachi Municipality for a number of years, and was Honorary Magistrate of First Class for over 10 years. He has been working as a Miller of the largest Mill running in India successfully for over 21 years. He is independent, honest, straightforward and frank in his views. He is held in high esteem by large number of his friends for his rare social charm and ability.

Address :—Ida Street, Cincinnatus Town.

Mr. Harchandrai Tahilram, Zamindar and Land Lord is a fine personality of Tatta and Karachi. Mr. Harchandrai comes from the famous family which has given Sind the most famous and respected personality, the late Diwan Tahilram. He is an important member of the Karachi District Local Board and takes keen interest in the Administration of the Board. Mr. Harchandrai was the President of Tatta Municipality and was the President of Taluka Local Board, Tatta and Ghorabari from 1920 to 1931. He is a fighter for a just cause and as such has done a lot to improve the administration of Karachi District Local Board.

Address :—Tatta, Karachi Distt.

Late R. B. Vishindas Nihalchand was born in 1843 in Manjhu, a village near the railway junction of Kotri in Sind and came from a family of land-owners and merchants. Like his father, Seth Nihalchand, he early showed signs in his life of a complete contempt for life's pelf and pleasure, and his heart longed for a life of renunciation. When he was 18, he left his home in quest of a teacher, a Guru who should reveal to him the profound mysteries of Life and he walked all the way from his home in Sind to the Punjab, where near Lahore, his good fortune led him to the famous saint Gulabdas with whom he stayed long being instructed by him in the Philosophy of Atman, the timeless, spaceless Self. He was one of the pioneers of Cotton ginning business in Sind and the province was dotted with his cotton ginning factories, cotton baling-press and Rice thrashing Factories at Manjhu, Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Dadu and Badeh. He owned a fleet of Boats at Kotri which plied between Sukkur and Keti-bunder while he had several "Dangees" at Karachi which sailed so far as Persian Gulf, Malabar Coast and Madras. He was the biggest forest contractor of his times in Sind and had established a big Commission business at Karachi.

While his chief interests at this stage were the management of his vast lands and commerce which had made him one of the wealthiest men in Sind, he took a considerable part in local and political affairs. He attended the first, second and third session of the Indian National Congress and upto the end of his long life was a member of the Karachi District Local Board and the President of the Kotri Taluka Local Board. It was, however, in the sphere of social reform that he carved out a great name for himself in the minds of his countrymen. Fifty years ago he had the vision almost prophetic of the numerous ills which the system of Deti-Leti was fostering in the Hindu society and with a view to provide a radical cure for this malignant disease he composed a

book on the subject which he sent free to different Panchayats in Sind. He then started a whirlwind propaganda by undertaking tours from village to village and town to town, instructing Panchayats and educating public, from Kotri to Laki, Hyderabad to Mirpurkhas and Shahdadpur, also in Naushahro, Mero and Kandiaro Talukas. He convened in 1900 at Uderolal and again in 1905 at Hyderabad, conferences of Bhaibund Panchayats and had rules of procedure framed in regard to certain reforms and Deti Leti which continue to this day to guide the Hindu Bhaibund Panchayats of Sind.

Another phase of his life, that of the selfless servant of humanity came to the front, during the year 1896-97 when Karachi was visited by bubonic plague. He opened a big Hospital (for both indoor and outdoor patients) which he put in charge of that famous physician Dr. Nazareth and where irrespective of communal considerations, free medicines and nursing was provided for the stricken. Free food and clothing supplies were provided to all who needed them. When in 1897 plague broke out at Kotri, he repaired to that place and served the people zealously. In token of his country-wide philanthropy, Government honoured him in 1898 by conferring on him the title of Rao Bahadur. In his birth place at Manjhu he founded a school, he built a library at Kotri. At Hyderabad where he had taken up his residential quarters, near the bank of Fuleli Canal, known as Vishin Nagar, he opened a school, a hospital, a Rest house and a cheap grain shop. A model Zamindar, an ideal merchant, a great philanthropist, poet, artist, philosopher and a mystic such was Seth Vishindas, Verily a Superman. His birthday is celebrated annually at Vishind Nagar and a big mella "Fair" is held for three days in the month of Akbar.

He gave the highest education to his children. His eldest son Seth Harchandrai, C.I.E., was one of our greatest leaders. His grandson Seths Sukhdev, Lakshman, Ramchand and Bharat look after the ginning factory at Hyderabad and the Commission agency business at Karachi. His another grandson Seth Hiralal Bharwani is the Principal of the D. G. National College at Hyderabad. Seth Atmaram Harchandrai is an advocate at Karachi and is attached to the firm of advocates called after his father, Messrs. Harchandrai & Co. His eldest grandson Seth Sukhdev continues to maintain the traditions of the family in the field of politics and had taken prominent part in the Satyagrah movement of 1930, 1932 and 1942 when he was thrice sentenced to terms of imprisonment and detention.

Rao Bahadur M. P. Naraindas, Justice of Peace, Proprietor of Messrs. Naraindas & Co., (Karachi, Lahore and Jullunder) entered business at an early age at Quetta. He was inspired to open his own concern and started with marketing cycles and as the days progressed, he immediately realised the need of the times and went into Automobiles as early as 1905. Ever since he has stuck to the trade making vast progress. Without a doubt, he is one of the leading Automobile dealers in India, controlling trade practically in the whole of North.

In his private life, Rao Bahadur Naraindas, a great social worker, philanthrophist, devotes much of his time in uplift of his community—and his charitable nature extends co-operation to all the needy institutions throughout India. He has donated a magnificent sum of Rs. 2 Lacs for the construction of a Children Hospital in Lahore, and has sponsored a few medical relief centres for the poor in Karachi.

Staunch believer in modern Education, Rao Bahadur Naraindas enthusiasm and keen interest is responsible for Vishindevi Kanya Vidyalaya, Karachi, which is open to girls of all castes and creeds; besides being one of the first sponsors and donor of the College at Shikarpur.

His activities have been many and varied. He has been President of the Karachi Club; President of the Shikarpuri Panchayat for many years; Member of the Cantonment Board, 1st Class Honorary Magistrate and he is now President of Kanya Maha Vidyalaya; President, Hindu Bathing Ghats Association and many other institutions in Sind and Punjab. His contributions and donations towards War Funds have been very generous. He donated an Ambulance at the beginning of the War.

Akhji Ratansingh Sodho, M.L.A., J.P., Land Lord and Zamindar and Political Jagirdar is a member of District Local Board, Tharparkar, Chairman Sanitary Committee, Chhachro. President Chachro Sodha Rajput Panchayat. He was the President of Aman Sabha during the last War.

Address :—Chhachro.

Rai Bahadur Shewaram Dewanmal Vazirani, Zamindar and Merchant, was first nominated as Municipal Councillor, Karachi Municipality, in 1906; was appointed Member, Karachi District Local Board, 1909; Honorary Magistrate in 1911, *was the first elected non-official President of the Karachi District Local Board, a predominently Mahomedan constituency, which office he held from 192● to 1928, three successive triennial terms; again elected by the same constituency as President for the triennial term commenced from 1-4-1937:* was made a Rao Sahib in 1921; Rao Bahadur in 1927; Awarded Kings Silver Jubilee Medal 1935; In recognition of his services the District Local Board named their new Ferry Steamer plying between Tatta and Sujawal after him, as also the Rest House at Mangho Pir; the Karachi Municipal Corporation named the Keamari Sindhi boys school after him, was Founder (in conjunction with Mr. H.N. Crouch Additional Judicial Commissioner of Sind) of the Louise Lawrence Institute Karachi; Chairman, Municipal Gardens and Zoo Committee 1926; *Chairman, Karachi Municipal School Board, 1927-30;* Member of the following Local Bodies :—

Karachi Port Trust, 1924; again from 1-4-1943, Railway Advisory Committee, 1924; Non-official Visitor, Karachi Prison, 1923-27; Managing Committee, Karachi Municipality, 1921-28; *D. J. Sind College Board, 1917-28; President, Karachi Club, 1926;* Director of the Board of Directors of the Sind Observer & Mercantile Steam Press, Ltd., Honorary Treasurer, R.G.M. Hindu Gymkhana; Honorary Treasurer, Sind Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society; Member, Karachi Civil Hospital, Aid & Nursing Association; Member, Karachi Aero Club, Ltd., Chairman, Indian Roads and Transport Development Association, Ltd., Karachi Branch, Member of the Karachi Municipal Corporation and its Standing Committee, Special First Class Magistrate, and J.P., Karachi.

Address :—Lachmi Lodge, 1, Britto Road, Karachi.

Seth R. S. Jhamandas Ramchand, J.P., is a great personality of Mirpurkhas. He has remained as President of Mirpurkhas Municipality for a number of years, and also a member of District Local Board, Thar Parkar. He is the proprietor of Seth Pahlumal Motiram Cotton Ginning Factory Mirpurkhas. He is the President of Sind Cotton Ginning Association, Hyderabad Sind. He is a leading Land Lord and Zamindar of Tharparkar Distt. For his services to the Public, Government honoured him by making him a Rai Sahib.

Address:—Mirpurkhas, Sind.

Mir Ali Ahmed Khan Mir Hajee Nabi Bux Khan Talpur. Land Lord & Zamindar & Jagirdar hails from the famous ruling race of Mirs. Mir Sahib is an educated and enlightened young man with fine Ideas and Ideals. He is the leader of Khaksar movement in Sind and has done everything in his power to make people of Sind Khaksar minded. It is entirely through his efforts that Khaksar movement in Sind and Punjab has become a force and a power.

Mir Sahib is Nationalist in his views and was a member of the Sind Provincial Congress Committee from 1935 to 1938. He has done a lot to improve the state and standard of his Haris by introducing Modern Methods of Agriculture on his Lands.

Address :—Tando Mir Mahomed, Hyderabad Sind.

Khan Bahadur Haji Maulabux Soomro, J.P., Land Lord and Zamindar of Shikarpur is a fine personality of Sind. He is the President of District Local Board Sukkur, Fellow of the University of Bombay. Chairman of Zamindari Bank Ltd., Jacobabad and Sukkur. District Scout Commissioner Shikarpur. Vice-Chairman Haj Port Committee. Memmer of Agriculture Committee appointed by Sind Government. President Local Self Government Institute. Member Madressah Board. He was President of Shikarpur Borough Municipality.

Khan Bahadur is much respected personality and is held in high esteem by both Hindus and Muslims of Sind. He is a great Social figure and charitable minded man. He has done a lot for the poor Haris in Sind and has been a great champion of their cause.

Address :—Shikarpur, Sind.

Khan Sahib Hajee Fazal Ellahi Jawahardin, J.P., Army and Royal Air Force Contractor Drigh Road, Karachi, and Land Lord, is one of the most colourful personalities of Sind. His entire life has been dedicated to the service of Muslims. His heart goes out to those who are in distress. In the Quetta Earth-Quake in 1935 he rendered wonderful service to the refugees who had come to Karachi by feeding about 2000 Muslim refugees. So did he help in the time of Iraq refugees who came to Karachi by giving men and money. He has served as an Honorary Magistrate First Class from 1930 to 1937, J.P., and First Class Magistrate, Karachi District since 1939, Head Warden A. R. P. Drigh Road since 1940, Coronation Medal awarded (1937) for Loyal services rendered during Civil Disobedience Movement, helped the Government and Karachi Police in Riots in 1935. He is the Founder and President of Feroze Vernacular School, Drigh Road, since 1927, is the founder of the grave yard of Anjumani-Mussalmanani-Punjab, Karachi, President Anjumani-Mussalmanani-Punjab, Karachi since 1927. He is the President Muslim Jamait Jamia Masjid Kassaban and Idd Gah, Bunder Road, since 1937. President Muslim community, Drigh Road, since 1927 he is the Chairman Muslim Housing Co-operative Society, Karachi since 1929, Member of Port Haj Committee, Karachi since 1927, Life Member of Muslim Gymkhana, Karachi, Life Member of Young Men's Muslim Association, Karachi, Member of Mahomedan Committee Sind Madressah Tul Islam, Karachi from 1927 to 1941, Elected Member of Cantonment Board, Drigh Road, since 1937, Honorary Vice-Chairman Member of S.P.C.A. Karachi, Life Member of Anjamani-Taraqqi Urdu, Karachi, since 1927. Trustee of several mosques and Wakf properties in Karachi and Drigh Road. Elected Trustee of Karachi District, Wakf Properties.

Khan Sahib is a very busy body in Karachi rendering services to one and all who go to him for help and assistance. Very few rich Muslims take as much interest in Muslim community as Khan Sahib.

Address :—Drigh Road, (Karachi).

Khan Sahib Hoosainbhoy Esmailjee Jamadar, J.P., N.K.D., is a Land Lord and Zaminder of Karachi. He is one of the oldest Corporators of Karachi Municipal Corporation representing his Saddar Ward for over twenty years. As a Municipal Corporator Khan Sahib has been a very useful member. He has been the Deputy Mayor of Karachi Municipal Corporation and has served on many committees of the same.

He was the first class Honorary Magistrate for over 17 years. He is the Vice-President of Bohra Committee of Saddar and a member of Hussaini Company of Bohra Jamait and Honorary General Secretary, Madressah Husaniyah. Khan Sahib Hoosainbhoy is a staunch follower of His Holiness the Mullajee Sahib and has rendered great service to the Bohra Community.

Perhaps very few people know that Khan Sahib Hoosainbhoy is a great Cricketer of Karachi. He was the Captain of Bohra Team for over 23 years and was one of the founders of Bohra Gymkhana of Karachi. He had taken many a time his team to Bombay and other places to play matches. The younger generation of both Bohra and Muslims owe their training and love of cricket to K. S. Hoosainbhoy.

K. S. Hoosainbhoy is an expert Finger Print in Karachi and has done a lot of useful work to assist and help poor muslims who had come in the clutches of greedy Bania money lenders. K. S. Hoosainbhoy is a great social figure of Karachi having friends among the members of all the communities of Sind. He is a great personality of Bohra Community of Karachi.

Address :—K. S. Hoosainbhoy, Saddar, Karachi.

Seth Partabrai Khaisukhdas, M.L.A., J.P., Land Lord and Zamindar and Factory Owner is great Nationalist of Sind. He was a Congress Leader from 1917 to 1933, member Mirpurkhas Municipality for 12 years and was the President of same Municipality for a number of years. He was the member of Tharparkar District Local Board and its Vice-President for 10 years. He is the Proprietor of Cotton Ginning Pressing Factories of Mirpurkhas. He is a very independent and out-spoken in his views and is held in high esteem by both Hindus and Muslims.

Address :—Mirpurkhas.

Mr. K. H. Nagrani, B.A.,LL.B., Advocate, Karachi, senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Nagrani & Co., Advocates, is a lawyer of prominence practising on the criminal side. Born in 1908, Mr. Nagrani had his early education at the N.H. Academy, Hyderabad Sind, from where he matriculated in 1925, securing first class first in English in the entire University. He also stood first in Sind and second in the University in the total, and was the recipient of the Sind Fair and Exhibition Prize. He was educated at the D. J. Sind College for his B.A. Degree and was the Sind Scholar from 1925 to 1929. At the Inter Arts Examination, he carried off the Hughlings Prize for standing first in the University in English, being one of the five Sindhis who have had this honour ever since the inception of the Prize. He took his B.A., with Honours in English language and literature. He was a College Fellow for sometime, and carried of a number of other prizes. He had a distinguished career as a speaker, and annexed the Besant Cup twice, for being the best speaker of the College (1927 & 1928). He was Editor of the College Miscellany (1927). He graduated LL.B. from the S. C. Shahani Law College in 1931, and started independently in the year 1932.

As an advocate Mr. Nagrani has been known for his knowledge of law, and industry, and is today one of the front rank lawyers in Karachi. Amongst the celebrated cases with which he has been associated are the Mulo Mansukhani Case, the Panjrapore Bomb Case, the Marriot Road Conspiracy Case, the Lakshmi Petroleum Fraud Case, etc. Besides his professional activities Mr. Nagrani has been President of the Provicial Postal Union, having presided over three Provincial Postal Conferences. He is legal Adviser of the S.P.C.A. and the Tobacco Association. He is the Founder and Editor of the Postal Sentinel.

Address :—Court Chambers, opposite City Magistrate's Court, Karachi.

Mr. Mahibubali Ramzanali, J.P., Land Lord, Zamindar is a leading Land Lord of Karachi and Tando Mahomed Khan. He is a member of Karachi District School Board. Mr. Mahibubali is an important member of Tando Mahomed Khan Municipality. He has rendered great help to War efforts and is the Deputy leader National War Front, Karachi District.

He is the President H.H. The Agha Khan Turel Council. Mr. Mahibubali is a great Social figure and is loved and liked by the people of his District.

Address :—Tando Mahomed Khan.

Late Seth Khubram Gaba was President, Shikarpuri Gaushala, Secretary, Shikarpur Panchayat, Karachi. He was a leading Shikarpuri citizen, and was much respected personality of the Karachi Cloth Merchants.

His Son Seth Tejbhandas K. Bhatija, Land Lord and Merchant is a fine young active Shikarpuri personality of Karachi. As a Municipal Corporator Mr. Tejbhandas has been a very useful member serving on many municipal committees.

He is the President of Harmonica Club, and was the President of All India Youth League of 1940. He is the Vice-President, Rukmani Devi Youth Lodge of Karachi. He is the Secretary, Fancy Goods Association. He is the Joint Secretary, Shikarpuri Hindu Panchayat of Karachi. The public elected him as the Secretary, Census Committee of 1940. Sind Government appointed him as a member of Beggars Nuisance Committee.

Mr. Tejbhandas' famous publication about Beggars Home has made him an all India figure and he has received congratulations from Mahatma Gandhi and H.H. the Viceroy of India. He has been appointed as the Captain of Correspondence for India by United States of America.

Mr. Tejbhandas has as weet charming child **Ramesh** who at the age of two and half years, appeared in American Allies Short News Film. Mr. Ezra Mir after seeing his acting has predicted that one day Master Tejbhandas would be "Sabu of India"

Mr. Khemchand R. F. Khilnani, M.A., (Cantab) F.R.E.S., Barrister-at-law is a young rising Lawyer of Karachi. As a student Mr. Khilnani had a brilliant career both in school and in College. He stood first in the Province of Sind and second in the whole University of Bombay at Matriculation Examination. In the D. J. Sind College he was the Sind Scholar and won many awards and Scholarship such as Sir Maxwell Mel Ville General knowledge prize. He stood first in his Intermediate examination and won Hughlings prize and was awarded Government scholarship at the Elphinstone College, Bombay. He passed his B.A., with Honours from the Bombay University.

As a student in the D. J. Sind College Mr. Khilnani was the Editor Sind College Miscellany, General Secretary of D. J. Sind College and Elphinstone College Hostel. He was awarded Besant Elocution Cup for his best speech in Hatnight debate in the D. J. Sind College.

After completing his studies in India Mr. Khilnani went abroad for higher studies. He secured Economics Tripos (Honours) at the University of Cambridge. He was called to the Bar at the Lincoln's Inn, London and was elected to the Life fellowship of the Royal Economic Society.

He has been practising as a Barrister in Karachi, is legal adviser to Messrs. Burmah-Shell, Ballaram Dairies and many Trusts. He is a life patron of Childrens Welfare Association and life member of Karachi Club and patron of Hindu Gymkhana.

Address :—Over Mercantile Co-operative Bank,
Bunder Road, Karachi.

Mr. Hemandas Naraindas, B.A., LL.B., is the proprietor of Messrs. Hassanand Hemandas & Co., Elphinstone Street, Karachi. The shop is well known firm of Arms and Ammunition in Karachi and is a reputed wine concern of our City. The firm has a branch at Sukkur too, dealing in the same wares.

Mr. Hemandas comes from a leading Hindu family of Sukkur and is a Land. Lord. He is a member of Old Sukkur Association, besides being a member of Karachi Club.

Address :—Electric House, Camp,
Karachi. Telegrams: "Hemand".

Mr. Tahilram Bassarmal Aswani, B.A., LL.B., Managing Director of Sind National Bank Ltd., was born on 1st September 1883 in Hyderabad Sind. From 1910 to 1941 he continued to be a Municipal Councillor. He became President of the Municipality four times and took active part in various spheres of improvement and development of the town. From 1928 to 1933 he took keen interest in the Girl's education of the Bhaibund community in particular and as President of Bhaibund Vidya Mandal he helped the establishment of Tolaram Girl's School considerably in securing the plot of the Municipality and saw the construction of its present nice building through to the last. Even now he is honorary manager of Tikamdas Nanikram Girl's School and Chairman of Bhai Bassarmal Chandiram Boy's Primary School. He has been Secretary of the Hindu Massan Committee for the last ten years. He helped the formation of Sri Krishin Gaushala Association and has continued to be its Secretary for the last ten years. In Panchayat affairs, too, he was President of Bhaibund Sabha some time back and is now Vice-President of Bhaibund Gachri Panchayat to which he deems privilege to belong. In the Political sphere, he has been associated with the Congress ever since 1906 from the days of Surat Congress and has been trying to attend all the Congress Sessions except some few, and he has been the President of Harijan Sang Sabha for some time past. He started Bhaibund Co-operative Bank in 1909 with his own furniture and fittings and in 1935 he retired from that Bank and started the present Sind National Bank. He was made Chairman of the Sind Hindu Conference under the Presidentship of Mr. Jayakar and he has been President of sub-Mandal religious congregation under the auspices of Swami Bodhraj a well-known religious-minded and saintly personality of Hyderabad.

Mr. Hardayal Hardy, B.A., LL.B., of Hardy & Co., Advocates, is a young rising lawyer of repute. A fine speaker and cross examiner, Mr. Hardy one day would be a skilful front rank Criminal lawyer of Karachi.

Mr. Hardy passed his B.A., in first class from the Punjab University in 1930. He obtained first class first in his first LL.B. examination from S. C. Shahani Law College, Karachi in 1934. In 1935, in his final LL.B. examination he stood first among those who appeared in the examination. After such a brilliant college career, he started his practice in Karachi where he has conducted some of the most sensational criminal cases such as Royal Toy Land Case, Port Trust Fraud Case, Zona

fraud fire case, and Om Mandli case. Mr. Hardy has been the legal advisor of Om Mandli for many years and has fought many battles for "The Den of Darkness" Mr. Hardy is fondly called by his friends a Pathan Hindu having all qualities of a Pathan. He is as generous as a Pathan and quite fierce too. Mr. Hardy besides being a pleader is a man of culture and highly scholarly tastes. His knowledge of Urdu literature and language is remarkable. He is a great student of Iqbal. Ghalib and many more Urdu Poets on whose works he is an authority. Besides his professional work, he takes keen interest in social and cultural work which suits his taste and temperament.

Once talking to Mr. Hardy he said "If I am in the profession it is because it gives me the means and the leisure to cultivate my test for Iqbal, Ghalib and Khayam.

Address :—Hardy & Co., Marriot Road, Karachi.

Mr. Hiranand Kewalram Vaswani, B.A., LL.B., is a young and prominent advocate practising in Karachi since 1930. He was educated in the Navalrai Hiranand Academy Hyderabad Sind and also in the St. Patrick's High School, Karachi and was recipient of many prizes, and medals in music and elocution competitions. He graduated in arts from D. J. Sind College, Karachi where he occupied the position of the Honorary Secretary, Literary and Debating Society. His career was described as "brilliant and meteoric" in the history of the society. He took keen interest in sports especially in Tennis where he won prizes. He was for several years a member of the committee of management of the Young Amils Association, Karachi, the premier body of the Hyderabad Amils, and was a member of the committee of the Karachi Rabindranath Literary and Dramatic Club.

He graduated in law from the S. C. Shahani Law College, joined Tolasing and Company as an advocate in 1930, and was a member of that firm for about eight years.

He started his independent practice about five years back. He has been elected as a member of the managing committee of the Karachi Bar Association continuously for the last four years and is the elected Honorary Joint Secretary of the Karachi Bar Association for the last two years.

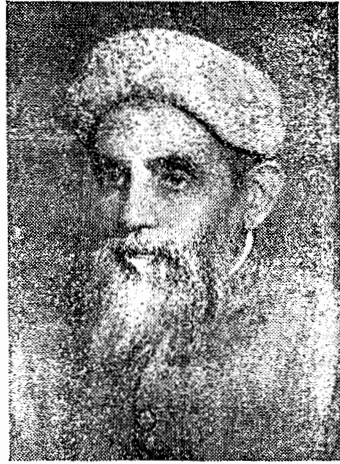
Address :—Mercantile Chambers, Bunder Road, Karachi.

Seth Jethanand Hiranand is a fine personality coming from a respectable Bhatia Community of Tatta, Karachi. He is the senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Hiranand Versimal the prominent Pearl Merchants and Zamindars and has a large connection in Pearl with the Persian Gulf. He is the Honorary Secretary of the Karachi Panjrapore Association; Honorary Liquidator of the Karachi Urban Co-operative Bank, Ltd., and a Trustee of Krishina Panjrapore, Tatta; Director of Sind Observer & Mercantile Steam Press, Ltd., and Sind Daily Mail, Ltd., and Hindustan Safe Deposit Co., Ltd., Vice-Chairman of the Karachi Indian Merchants' Association; Buyers' and Shippers' Chamber; Gujrat Vidyalaya High School; Chairman, Hindu Co-operative Bank, Ltd., Karachi; on the Managing Committee of S. P. C. A. and Sharda Mandir, President of Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Karachi. Seth Jethanand is one of the most generous minded persons who has helped many needy and deserving individuals and institutions. But his way of charity is is simple and silent, whose left hand does not know what right hand does.

He is one of the most respected businessmen of Karachi and is known and respected by the members of all the communities. He is very Catholic and Cosmopolitan in his association and has large number of friends and admirers among the members of other communities. He is a member of Karachi Club besides being a member of various Committees, Associations and Trusts.

Address :—M/s Hiranand Versimal, Khori Garden, Karachi.

Mr. K. M. Irani is a well respected personality of Parsee communtiy. He rose from the post of a clerk to that of Agent of the Imperial Bank of India. He has given best business training to his sons, one of them is the proprietor of the famous Underwood Type Writers and other is running the Polad Co.

Mr. Moosajee Ameejee Tapal is the real founder of Ameejee Valeejee & Sons. Mr. Moosajee has worked wonders in Karachi. With a small cloth shop in Bori Bazar he has expanded and extended his business to such an extent that today the famous firm of Ameejee Valeejee & Sons on Bunder Road stands as a monument of his achievements. The firm today has spread its activities in various directions. It has the best Dock Engineering Works at Keamari the second biggest concern of Sind and also it does the constructing works as the Engineers, and Contractors. It also has a factory for making Bolts and Nuts known as India Bolts and Nuts Factory. The firm is one of the oldest concerns in Sind started in 1867. They are Engineers, Merchants and Contractors.

Mr. Moosajee is one of the God's good man helping the poor and needy members of his community in a manner in which no one, including his own sons, knows what he does. He helps those who are stranded and have no one to help them by raising money from the market, so that his people even should not know that he has helped some needy person in want. This way of his charity is the highest kind of virtue which this God's good man Moosajee possesses. He is one of the simplest man moving among the men of the world.

Address :—Ameejee Valeejee & Sons, Bunder Road, Karachi.

Mr. Gobindram Hassanand, J.P., is a fine young man of highly cultured taste and tmeperament. He is a Sind Work merchant having shops all over India and foreign places too. He has made special study of Banking Institutions and is an authority on the same. Mr. Gobindram is a great social worker of his place and is always ready to do anything for the good of his Bhaiband community.

He is connected with many Clubs, Societies and Institutions which are working for the good of mankind. He is a very popular figure of his place loved and liked by those who come in contact with him for his sweet and charming manners.

Address :—Shahi Bazar, Hyderabad.

Mr. Gopalrao B. Bhonsle, B.A., J.P., Land Lord and Contractor and First Class Honorary Magistrate, Karachi,

belongs to the famous Bhonsle family of the ruling race who had come to settle in Sind in 1843. Mr. Bhonsle was educated in Karachi as a student. He took keen interest in College activities as he was a good sportsman of his College days. He is an important member of Maratha Community of Karachi and was the President of Maratha Union for a number of years. He is the President of the Madhoo Muccadum Smashan and the Shivajee Memorial Fund. He is the Honorary Secretary of various Maratha Associations and Societies such as Libraries, Temples, Gymkhana.

He, for his services to his community, has been made a Justice of Peace and First Class Honorary Magistrate. He is the Managing Partner of the most famous firm of the Dock Engineering and Welding Works of Keamari. He is a Government and Naval Contractor of fames and name. He is a well known figure of Karachi who has done a lot to improve the state and standard of his community.

Address :—Bhonsle's Building, Karachi. Phone No. 2441.

Seth Dosaji Yusafali is the proprietor of the Haidary Tin Factory, Frere Road, Karachi. He is a member of Anjuman Noorani and also a member of Buyers' & Shippers' Chamber, Karachi. He has also joined as a member of the Muslim Chamber of Commerce of Karachi. The Haidary Tin Factory is one of the oldest Factories of Karachi started in 1885 by Seth Dosaji. The factory manufactures Kerosine Gallons, Phenol, Peppermint, Tea Tins of all kinds. The firm also makes heating stoves. It undertakes all kinds of repairs at very reasonable rate. They are manufacturers of all kinds of Drums and Tins.

The factory is one of the most leading Drums and Tins Factory of Sind giving guaranteed satisfaction to all its clients. Seth Dosaji has given every help towards War efforts and his help has been much appreciated by the authorities.

Address :—The Haidary Tin Factory, Frere Road, Karachi.

Mr. Arthur Sequeira, J.P., the proprietor of Messrs. I. Sequeira, after a successful college career succeeded to the photographic business in 1933. Displaying a natural talent for the art of photography, like his father, he took keen interest in his work which found immediate appreciation and as early as in 1936 he had the unique privilege of touring with H. E. Sir Lancelot Graham the 1st Governor of Sind who soon afterwards appointed him his official photographer. Since then the business has made remarkable strides. Equipped with the latest appliances his studio is unrivalled. The technique, the quality of work and the art of photography displayed in the photographs is second to none. Not satisfied with

promoting his enterprise locally, Mr. Arthur Sequeira has found publication of his pictures in the leading newspapers and Magazines throughout India and Overseas. The popular society Magazine "The Onlooker" finds space for his pictures every month. With the outbreak of war, his eagerness in accepting orders and his prompt service has also acquired him the appointment of Army Photographer. Like his father, Mr. Arthur Sequeira is also a well-known figure in society and other business circles. He is a Landlord and one of the Directors of the Indian Life Assurance Co., Ltd., which responsibility he has taken on his young shoulders since the last 3 years. He is alo a keen philatelist and has added considerably to his father's valuable collection of stamps.

R. S. Mukhi Wadhumal Naraindas is a fine Bhaibund personality of Hyderabad. Mukhi Sahib takes keen interest in the public life of Sind. He is a Director of Hyderabad Electric Supply Co., and Jacobabad Electric Supply Co. He is connected with many institutions of Bhaibund community which are for the advancement of Bhaibunds.

Mukhi Sahib is a great Social figure loved and liked by all those who come in contact with him.

Address : Hyderabad Sind.

Khwaja Mahomed Essa Hajee Mahomed Jaffar, J.P., is a leading Landlord & Zamindar of Shah Bunder Division. He is the proprietor of Rice Factory at Mirpur Bathoro. Mr. Mahomed Essa was educated at Sind Madressah and is a young educated Muslim youth hailing from the famous family of Khwaja of Mirpur Bathoro. He is a member of Karachi District Local Board. He is an important Director of Karachi District Cooperative Bank Limited of Sijawal. He is also a member of Sind Madressah School Board. He is a keen Muslim leaguer and is a member of Provincial Muslim league of Sind. Like his father Hajee Mahomed Jaffar Mr. Essa takes active interest in the affairs of Karachi District Local Board where he has done a lot to improve the administration of the Board. Mr. Essa is not only a political figure of his district but a great social person. He is a member of the Karachi Club. Both he and his father are held in high esteem by Muslims and Hindus. Mr. Essa is a member of Karachi Forest Advisory Board where his suggestions have been very useful to the District.

Mr. Essa is a young man full of zest and zeal and is bound to play an important part in the field of Sind politics.

Address :—Khwaja Essa, Zamindar, Mirpur Bathoro.

Mr. Takandas Hemandas Kataria, J.P., is well respected Citizen of Karachi. He is the President of Bhagnari Panchayat and a trustee of various Bhagnari Trusts, such as T. G. Bhagnari Panchayat Trust, Kanya Shewak Trust, Gongibai Trust, Gangomal Trust and many more trusts of his community.

Mr. Takandas is the proprietor of Messrs. Takandas Hemandas, which is a leading optical firm of Sind. This firm is noted for its best manufactured optical goods. Mr. Takandas brought two Japs experts in 1932 to teach Sindhis how to make optical wares. It is only this firm which has upto date machines to make glasses, frames, etc. Today the firm of Messrs. Takandas H. Kataria is the only firm which manufactures optical frames in India. Mr. Takandas has made wonders in the optical world of India by his invention and improvements. He is a great personality not only of his Bhagnari Community but of the business of opticals.

Address :—Elphinstone Street, Camp, Karachi.

Mr. Ferozali Md. Yoosif, J.P., Land Lord and Zamindar was born at Karachi on 10th December 1907 and has received his education in Sind Madressah-Tul-Islam. He is from a respectable family of Muslim Marwari Silavatta Jamait. His grand-father was a contractor in Baluchistan. His father is retired Government Official and is at present President of Muslim Marwari Silavatta Jamait. He is an approved Government Contractor, Zamindar and Land Lord. He is a member of Karachi District Local Board and a Justice of Peace. He represents Karachi Civil Hospital Advisory Committee. He is a member of Wakf Committee, Karachi. He is a member of Sind Madressah Board and also a member of Muslim Hostel. He is a Treasurer of Local Self Government Institute, Sind.

Address :—Ranchore Lines, Karachi.

Mr. Anwar Hussain, J.P., Land Lord and Zamindar, son of our Premier Sir Ghulam Hussain, as young has interested himself in Politics. He is a Municipal Corporator and is a member on its Standing Committee. He is a member of Sind Madressah Board and is a member on the Managing Committee of the Karachi Race Club and himself being a keen race horse owner. He is a popular member of Karachi Club and a good sport playing Tennis and Cricket. He is a member of Civil Hospital Committee, Karachi, Dufferin Hospital and Remand Home and Children Welfare Association.

Mir Salim K. Talpur, B.A., LL.B., is a fine young educated Mir, advocate of Mirpurkhas. He takes keen interest in Muslim league and is much interested in the education of Mirs.

Address : Mirpurkhas.

Seth Mulla Isaji Ismailji Ferozeporewala N.K.D., J.P., is one of the most charitable minded persons of Karachi, highly respected and forefront leader of his community. He is the proprietor of the famous and well known firm of Messrs. Ismailji Alibhoy & Son, Ferozeporewalla, — dealing in general wares on Bunder Road, Karachi. The firm representing some of the world reputed Manufacturers such as R. E. Dietz Co., New York, World's biggest Makers of Hurricane lanterns, Messrs. Masters Locks Co., U. S. A., Messrs. Husqvarna Vapenfabriks, Sweden, Manufacturers of Household wares and many other welknown manufacturers.

Seth Mulla Isaji is Hon: Secretary of Faiz-e-Hakimi, the committee of Dawoodi Bohra Jamait of Karachi. He is also a trustee of Faize-Husaini a world wide Bohra pilgrim organisation. He is the Vice-Chairman of Mohomediyah School Board, and Chairman of Quettawalla Charitable Hospital. His simplicity of heart and habits has endeared him to one and all. He has helped to make the dream of Bohra Community, come true, by constructing the beautiful School building in Campbell Street, costing him Rs. 75,000. He has donated a building, the rent of which is used in giving milk and food to those who break fast in the month of Ramzan. The rent of another building donated by him goes to Karachi Bohra Hospital for the relief of the poor and suffering patients of Bohra Community. Seth Saheb is a keen worker in the cause of Bohra education and various other social activities, his gifts and services to the community will ever remain as a light-house of learning, reminding one and all of the deeds done by Seth Mulla Isaji.

Late Hajee Usman Mustikhan was a great Baloch personality of Karachi and Rangoon. He was Land Lord, Zamindar and a Contractor. The beauty of late Hajee Usman was that he was a-self-made man. He was the founder and managing partner of the famous firm of Usman Mustikhan and Company of Rangoon, running stone quarry rubber plantation. He was the Managing Director of Mayangon Rubber Estates Ltd., Shwemidin Stone Company of Upper Burma and he was a pious, religious and charitable minded person.

He was succeeded by **Akbar Mustikhan,** who after the fall of Burma has come to Karachi and is now a partner in the famous firm of Sir Haji Abdulla Haroon Constructing Company. Akbar is a great social figure of Karachi and a leader of his community. He is very generous and kind hearted gentleman. He is today a leading Government Contractor of great name and fame.

Late Aziz Mustikhan, brother of Akbar Mustikhan was a young brilliant student whose tragic death along with Munawar son of Sir Ghulam Hussain cut short his bright future, casting a gloom over all who loved and liked him. He was a great sport as used to take keen interest in Cricket and manly games. He was very popular among his friends.

Seth Mohamed Usman, son of late Khan Bahadur Abdul Sattar is a prominent personality of Memon Community of Karachi. He was a Director of Quetta Electric Supply Company in the year 1938, 1939 and 1940, and also was a Municipal Commissioner in Quetta during the year 1938-1939. He was elected and nominated in place of his father who had retired from both after the Quetta Earthquake. He is now a leading Military Contractor as well also he controlled his father's contracts and business both at Karachi and Quetta during his life-time. Young and promising youth he succeeded his father in 1942, and is fond of Sports & manly games. He is an important member of the Karachi Club, and various other Clubs of Karachi and takes keen interest in Social and Religious matters of the Muslim Community.

Address :—Seth Mohamed Usman, Contractor, Frere Road, Saddar, Karachi.

Rais Ali Nawaz Unar of Kazi Ahmed, Nawabshah District is a leading young Muslim Zamindar and Land Lord of his District. He is an important member of Nawabshah District Local Board and is the Vice-President of Muslim League, Nawabshah. Rais Sahib comes from the famous Unar Family and has a very independant and broad outlook on life. Though a muslim leaguer he is loved and liked by both Hindus and Muslims of his District. For his service to his country and community, Sind Government have made him a Justice of Peace for his District.

Rais Sahib is a young man of advanced views and wants to devote his life to the service of his community.

Address :—Kazi Ahmed, Nawabshah District.

Mr. Hotchand Gopaldas Advani, Barrister-at-Law, Land Lord and Zamindar is a leading lawyer of Hyderabad, Sind. He is a Municipal Councillor of Hyderabad and the President, Hyderabad Bar Association. Mr. Hotchand is the legal adviser of Hyderabad Municipality, Hyderabad District Local Board, and many other institutions of name and fame. Like his father late Diwan Gopaldas, Mr. Hotchand has established a name for honesty and reliability as a lawyer. Today in Hyderabad he tops the list among the civil lawyers of his place. Though youngest rising lawyer of Sind, he has in a short time built up a fine practice owing to his ability and honesty.

Mr. Hotchand is a great social figure of his City and takes interest in the Civic life of Hyderabad. He is very popular among the members of the Bar specially among the younger generation who simply adore him for his charming personality and rare social charm. He is a Director, Member of many banks, institutions, clubs and societies of Sind.

Mr. Fakirjee Perozshah Golwalla, J.P., Land Lord, Zamindar and Merchant, is a young public worker of Hyderabad Sind and Nawabshah.

He is a member on the Excise Advisory Committee of the Hyderabad Sind Cantonment Board. Non Official Visitor to the Sind Convict Gang. Vice-President, Cantonment Board, Hyderabad Sind. Chairman, Bazar Committee of the Cantonment Board, Hyderabad Sind. Director on the Hyderabad (Sind) Mercantile Cooperative Bank, Ltd., Member, Red Cross Society. Life Member, Lady Dufferin Hospitals, Sind. Member on the Nursing Association and on the Executive Committee. President, Educational Society, Hyderabad Sind. He is the District Scout Commissioner, Nawabshah. Member, the Provincial Scout Council, Karachi. Member on the Nursing Association, Nawabshah. Director on the Nawabshah Electric Supply Co., Proprietor of the firm of Messrs. Muncherjee & Co., Hyderabad Sind. Mr. Fakirjee is a young rising man with push and pluck with a fine record of public service behind him. He has endeared himself among the Hindus and Muslims and is held in high esteem by them. In short he is a fine personality af Sind.

Late Mr. N. D. Mallik, who was born in November 1865, in Dera Ismail Khan, N. W. F. Provinces, and who passed away at Karachi, on January 19, 1936, at the palmists' age of three score and ten, was known popularly as the "Young old man of Karachi". It is he who made the people of Karachi, in particular, health-minded by personal example as well as by propaganda in form of lectures and literature. The Health Culture Institute, in Karachi, is a fitting memorial to his labour of love in the service of sick humanity.

Mr. Mallik, after retiring from Government Service, in Baluchistan, in 1913, came over to Karachi and set up a small business which in due course, attained to appreciable proportion. He had several hobbies; such as stamp collecting, palmistry, herb collecting, which were a vital part of the secret of his sustained good health, the other equally vital parts being a cheerful turn of mind and regular physical exercise. His Cosmopolitanism in temperament and in taste acted as sesame to every society and to every sect. He often said that his greatest wealth was his large number of friends, drawn from every class and creed. His ever-ready and keen sense of humour helped him to tide over many mishap to which man is a heir of fortune. He believed that health is the foundation of national prosperity and so by serving the cause of health, proved his patriotism.

Mr. Kishinchand Kewalram Kataria is a young business man of charming habits. He is the proprietor of Messrs. Kewalram Hemraj Kataria, the India's Premier Optician on Bunder Road, Karachi. This famous Optical Manufacturer and wholesale concern is a well known firm in Karachi. It is one of the oldest firms in Sind started in 1914. They are the direct importers, from all the countries in the world.

The firm now has its own factory under the name and style of Swastic Optical Factory where they Manufacture Frames, Glasses and all optical wares. The firm is noted for its absolute honesty towards its large number of clients all over India.

Address:—Kewalram Hemraj Kataria, Bunder Road, Karachi.

Late Khan Bahadur Abdul Sattar was one of the pillars of Sind society. He was loved and respected by both Hindus and Muslims in Sind and Baluchistan. He was known for his charity and generosity. He, as the President of Karachi Club, made it grand by creating and completing the present Karachi Club Annexe known as a Boat Club.

Late Khan Bahadur was a great social figure of Karachi and Quetta. In Quetta he was a Municipal Commissioner for a number of years and was known as "King of Quetta". In Karachi he was a Director of Karachi Electric Supply Corporation and was a Director, Member and Patron of almost all institutions which needed his help and support. His helping hand was everywhere whether it was a school or an association. His generosity was universal.

Dr. A. A. Khan, L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.), L.R.F.C. & S. (Glasgow), Ex. I. M. S. Hon. Pathologist, Civil Hospital, Karachi, is a leading light of Karachi. He is the President of Muslim League Party in Karachi Municipal Corporation and is the President, Muslim League, Saddar. As a Municipal Corporator of Karachi, Dr. Khan has been on various committees and has rendered very useful service to the City Corporation. He is known for his frankness and straightforwardness in the public life.

Dr. Khan has been responsible for making public many municipal scandals and has exposed them on the floor of the Municipal Corporation. He has been greatly responsible for reducing corruption in various departments of Karachi Municipality. He comes from a very respectable Pathan family of Frontier and has served during this War as Medical Officer in Wazirstan.

Dr. Khan is a charming personality having created a number of friends in Karachi who love and like him for his frank and candid views.

Address :—Somerset Street, Saddar, Karachi.

Seth Sukhdev Udhavdas, Zamindar, Land Lord and Cotton Merchant, Karachi. Born in 1896. Is Director, Karachi Cotton Association Ltd.; Member Managing Committee, Karachi Indian Merchants Association; Trustee, Karachi Port Trust Board; Member, Board of Refrees, Excess Profit Tax 1940; Member, Sind Provincial Congress Election Tribunal; Member Sind Cotton Committee for three years; Member Provincial Transport Authority, Sind. In 1942 resigned Port Trust, Sind Cotton Committee P. T. A. as Protest at Gandhi; Congress Members arrest. Arrested and made security Prisoner on 21st October 1942. Released from Sukkur Special Prison on 28th June 1943. Was Director of Karachi Hindu Co-operative Bank 1937/39 and its Chairman 1938/39. Took Prominent part in Satyagrah Movements 1930 and 32, and 1942. Twice jailed and fined Rs. 3500/-. During last Great War, joined as Sepoy in Indian Defence Force. Grandfather, Rai Bahadur Seth Vishindas Nihalchand.

Late Seth Adamji Abdulali started his famous glass, plywood and Paint shop on Bunder Road, in 1906. The shop of Messrs. Adamjee & Abdulali & Sons, is one of the oldest concerns of Karachi, dealing in Glass, Mirror, Plywood and Paint. They are the General Glass Merchants, Government and Railway Contractors. The firm represents some of the famous firms of Paint and Glass, Mirrors, etc., notable among them is Tom Painter Brand, Paints of which they are Selling Agents for Sind and Baluchistan.

Seth Salehbhoy, son of late Seth Adamjee, after the death of his late lamented father carries on his father's business which he has considerably extended and expanded. Seth Salehbhoy is not only a merchant but a rising personality of the Dawoody Bohra Community. He is the Hon. Secretary of Hizbul Avan, the Adam Mosque and also is working as the Hon. Secretary of the Committee of Management of Saify Baugh at Karachi. He is the Hon. Secretary of Anjuman-e-Dawoodi and is an important member of Madressah Mahomedyah. Both Seth Salehbhoy and his late father are known for their charity and good work done for their community. Seth Salehbhoy is a young rising Bohra youth taking keen interest in the welfare of his community. As the Hon. Secretary of various Bohra organizations, he has set an example of service to Bohra youth, which they will do well to copy.

Mr. Tayabali his younger brother is a great help to him in running his famous shop and managing many a thing for him.

Address :—Adamjee Abdulali & Sons,
Bunder Road, Phone No. 3086.
Telegram : "Moulding".

Mr. Mangharam A. Ramchandani of British India General Insurance Co., of Karachi Branch has historic career. From his early days he had a passion for business. As a Sind Work Merchant he visited Gibralter, Spain, Italy, South Africa, Sicily, America and many other places on the Continent of Europe. He returned to India in 1937 and took the Branch Managership of the Zenith Life Assurance Co., Ltd., of Karachi branch. In a short time he developed the Company on sound business lines and then he Became the Branch Manager of British India General Insurance Co. His efforts has made the British India General Insurance Co., as one of the leading Insurance Companies in Sind.

Mr. Mangharam is a great Social figure in Karachi. Besides being an important member of Karachi Club, he is a member of many other clubs, and societies in Sind. He is the Hony. General Secretary of the D. K. Aswani, Sindhi Gymkhana, Karachi.

Mr. Ramchandani is a great personality in the Insurance World of our province of Sind.

Address :—Mangharam A. Ramchandani, Manecgjee Road, Karachi.

Mr. Vensimal Bassarmal is the Proprietor of the famous firm of Messrs. Vensimal Bassarmal and Brothers. Their famous firm was started in 1914 by Mr. Vensimal as official Passenger Agents for all principal Steamship and Air lines throughout the world and principal Indian Railways by arranging for booking for the clients their passages and luggage, etc.

It is the first and the only Sindhi enterprise which today stands on firm footing having branches in Bombay, Hyderabad and Karachi, with Bombay as its Head Office.

The firm is known for its reliability and honesty. They do their best for their clients by making their journey easy, comfortable and happy by booking their berths, and reserving their accommodation without charging anything extra from them. They are very courteous and kind to their innumerable clients who make use of their agency all over India. Sind is indeed proud of such a venture of her son of the soil.

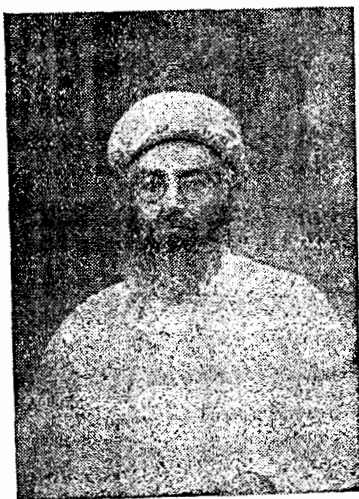
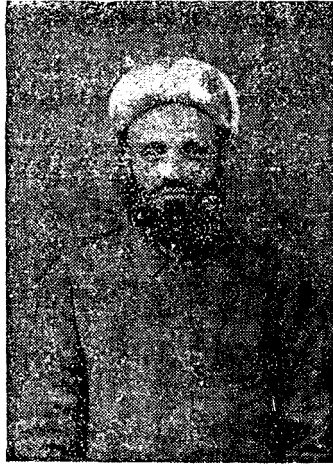
Address :—Denso Hall, Opp: Central Bank Ltd., Phone No. 2244.

Mr. Jethanand Thawardas Tahilramani started his practice as a lawyer in Sukkur in 1901 and moved to Jacobabad in 1911 and soon rose to be one of the first rank lawyers of Upper Sind. He was Councillor of Jacobabad Municipality for 22 years and was also for some years Chairman of the Standing Committee and School Board. All along he was also Hon: Secretary of Jacobabad Club and Library and left both in up-to-date and flourishing condition. In 1937 he went to England to attend the Coronation, visited many continental places and the world famous International Exhibition at Paris. On return from Europe he established himself at Karachi in 1938. He was appointed Notary Public in 1839 and Nominee of Registrar Co-operative Societies in Sind in 1940. He was elected Honorary Secretary, Karachi Bar Association for 1942-1943.

Mr. Ghansham Jethanand Tahilramani was student in D. J. Sind College from 1937 to 1939. In 1937 he joined Karachi Aero Club and got 'A' Licence in fling. In 1938 he took training in N. E. D. Engineering College in Wireless Telegraphy. In the same year he obtained Gold Medal. He was elected Gymkhana Secretary in 1939. He obtained 1st Prize in wrestling in 1939 and several prizes in other sports. His record in U. T. C. was a brilliant one. He became Corporal in 1938 and represented 11 U. T. C. in all India Miniature firing and obtained 1st Prize in shooting. Became Sergeant in 1939. In the same year he appeared before Public Service' Commission at an entrance Ex. for Military Academy at Dheradun and obtained 370 marks out of 500 in Interview and Record. In March 1940 he was selected for training for King's Commission in the Indian Air Force. In November 1941 he was gazetted as Pilot Officer in the Indian Air Force. In April 1943 he was promoted as Flying Officer.

Syed Hussan Bux Shah Syed Pir Shah, Land Lord, Zamindar and Merchant comes from a very respectable Syed family of Sind. He is a member of Nawabshah District Local Board. He is an important member of Muslim League and is on the working committee of All India Muslim League Council. He is one of the most respected personalities of his District and is held in high esteem both by Hindus and Muslims of his place.

Address :—Mehrabpur Sakrand, Nawabshah.

Late Seth Ghulam Hussain Ebrahimjee Lotia, M. K.D., was a front rank leader of Bohra Community of Karachi. He was the General Secretary of Faiz Hakimi, a Bohra organization of world importance for over 25 years. He was the President of Faiz Hussaini Trust a world wide organization of Bohras for Pilgrims. He was an important member of Madrasah Hussaini and also he was the managing trustee of A. A. Mendrawalla Trust. He was a member and a trustee of various Bohra Society, committees and trust. He was one of the most respected and honoured member of his community, where the Bohras had implicit trust in him. He was a generous, gentle and kind towards one and all who came in contact with him. His young son **Hajeebhoy Lotia** is a young promising advocate of Karachi. He is the first Bohra advocate in Sind, Punjab and Baluchistan. The good name which late Seth Ghulam Hussain Lotia has left behind is well maintained by his son Hajeebhoy.

Late Seth Tyabali Allibhoy was a most respected member of Bohra community. He was an important member of Faiz-Hakimi and many Bohra Trusts and Committees. He was a most charitable minded person, but believed in silent charity and not show. He was the pioneer of starting a Rolling Mill in Karachi for Manufacturing Iron Bars, Bolts, Rivets, Nuts, etc. He was a leading Hardware and Brassware merchant of Marriot Road, loved and liked by both Hindus and Muslims. It was he who, along with Mr. Hoosainbhoy Bandukwalla, made the first steamer S.S. "Hyderi" in Karachi. He was a leading member of the Karachi Wire Netting Syndicate, and was the proprietor of Messrs. Allibhoy Jeewanji and Sons, a Firm well known for Hardwares, Brasswares and all building materials. They are Manufacturers of Nuts, Bolts and Rivets. They are the proprietors of Empire Bolts and Rivets Works, and Arrow Brassware Works. They are the approved Contractors of I. S. D. Railway and Port Trust. The Firm is the oldest Hardware and Brassware Firm in Karachi. **Mr. Asgarali** his son has been carrying on his business after the death of his late lamented father Seth Tayabali. He is a member of the Muslim Chamber of Commerce and also a member of Buyers' and Shippers' Chamber of Karachi.

Mr. Chandumal J. Thadhani, proprietor of Capital Wine Merchants and Capital Refreshment Room of Hyderabad, is a fine young man. He is the Importer and Agent of both Foreign and Indian Wines.

Mr. Thadhani is a self made man and single handed has founded his business which today, with many ups and downs, stands on sound footing. He has his concerns both in Karachi and Hyderabad Sind.

Address :—Bunder Road, Karachi.

Late Seth Rewachand Bhagchand was a leading Zamindar of Karachi District. He was a member of Karachi District Local Board for 23 years. He was the President, Hindu Panchayat. He was a keen businessman and made lot of mony as he was a self made man, and was a very charitable minded personality.

Seth Mangaldas Rewachand his son is a Land Lord, Banker, Merchant and Zamindar is a leading land owner of Karachi District. He is a member Karachi District Local Board, President, Hindu Panchayat of Jati, owns rice factory known as Rewa Rice Factory at Hyderabad, Jati and Karachi and has built number of lovely houses in Karachi known as Rewa Mansions, etc.

He is a quiet worker in a cause of Hindu Community and is loved and liked by both Hindu and Muslims for his charity which is universal.

Seth Lokumal Rewachand second son of Seth Rewachand is a Land Lord and Zamindar of Jati and is a great social figure of his place. He is a member of Hindu Panchayat and does a lot for the improvement of his community.

Address:—Jati, Karachi District.

Seth Rupchand Seoomal Bhirvani, J.P., is a leading Land Lord and Zamindar of Tando Jam. He is the proprietor of Cotton Ginning and Pressing factory of Tando Jam. He is the President of Notified Area Committee of Tando Jam and the President of Tando Jam Hindu Panchayat. Among the Hindu Zamindars of Tando Jam he ranks first. He is respected both by Hindus and Muslims and is a fine personality of his town.

Address: Seth Rupchand Seoomal, J.P.,

Tando Jam.

Mr. Motandas T., Land Lord and Business man, Proprietor, T. Motandas & Co., Karachi, born at Sukkur in 1893. Mr. Motandas is self-made man and first class traveller. Travelled India and visited Burma, Ceylon & Afghanistan, and is popular throughout the world for his business carrier.

Following his father's grocery business at Sukkur at the age of 14 developed business into General Merchants and Agency of Messrs. Peek, Frean & Co., Ltd., London, in 1910—34 years ago.

The post war period of 1918 brought an increase in business which necessitated the transfer of Motan's Head Office to Karachi, and added Wine Department in 1940.

Mr. Motandas is representing various Provisions and Wines Manufacturers throughout the world and have started a new Industry in Sind—Manufacture of Indian Whisky, Brandy, Gin and Rum.

The secret of his success is described by Messrs. Peek, Frean & Co., Ltd., London, in their own issue "THE BISCUIT NEWS", wherein they write "His business acumen and straight dealings enabled him to steer his business through many vicissitudes, to the successful position it holds to-day".

Address :—Bunder Road, Karachi,
Tele : 'MOTANCOY', Telephone No. 3096.

Mr. Hassasing H. Advani was born at Hyderabad in 1887. He was educated in N. H. Academy of Hyderabad. He is a keen Cricketer and a best Tennis Player. Joined Government Service in 1905 and then took to Local Bodies. He joined Messrs. Durgdas B. Advani & Co. in 1915, after completing the Municipal Navalrai Market and Cloth Tower at Hyderabad. He started his own Architect and Engineering Business in 1920. Some of the best buildings of Karachi and Hyderabad are constructed by him.

He entered Municipal Corporation in 1930 and continues to be there as an active and painstaking member. For his services to his community he is elected President of the Hyderabad Amil Community of Karachi this year. *Address* :—Jamshed Quarters, Karachi.

Seth Tolaram Ramdas Dembla, Land Lord is a fine personality in business circle of Sind. He is the President of the Paff Sole Agents Association of India and was the President of the Old Sukkur Association, Karachi. He is the Managing Proprietor of Messrs. Tolaram Ramdas & Co., Sole Agents Paff and Usha Sewing Machines and Olympic Typewriter. Seth Tolaram besides being a businessman takes keen interest in Civic life of our City. He is a life member of Health Culture Institute of Karachi and Hindu Rescue Home of our city.

Seth Tolaram is the Land Lord of some of the most magnificient Buildings of Karachi such as Paff Restaurant, Broadway Restaurant, Tolaram Castle, Tolaram Terrace, and Sind Zamindar Hotel.

Seth Tolaram has revolutionized the business of Sewing Machines having a long experience of this line. His son **Sunderdas** who now practically looks after his business etc., is a young promising man of sound business brain and is a model for young men of his community to copy.

Address : Opp. Denso Hall, Karachi.

Mr. G. Allana, Just 37, is one of these young men who take politics seriously. Essentially a person of retiring disposition, he avoids the limelight. Coming from a well known business family of Karachi, he usefully employs his spare time in politics and educational advancement of the City. As a member of the Karachi Municipal School Board for six years he rendered valuable services to the cause of Primary Education of Karachi. At present he is a member of the Sind Collegiate Board and the Port Haj Committee. He is both a forceful writer and a brilliant speaker. He is one of the coming young men of Sind.

Seth Hashim Haroon, was born at Karachi in the year 1892. His father hailed from a very worthy and respectable family of the Khatri Community. In 1904, he was made an apprentice in the business of his father, which was that of printer and binder. From here, by dint of intelligence and unceasing industry, he gradually rose and today, he occupies, the greatest place in his own people, holds a high rank in the printing works. Today his press is recognised as great press in the whole of India. He has won rare distinctions in art-printing and has been awarded Silver and Gold medals. His ingenuity has obtained appreciation and applause even from forflung America and England. He became the President of the Khatri Jamait in 1935. He is connected with various Institutions and Associations and extends his generous hand to them. In recognition of his meritorious services, the Government of Sind has made him Justice of Peace in 1943.

Late Seth Ebrahimjee M. Sheikha, of Messrs. Essajee Ebraimjee & Co., was the pioneer of Timber business in Sind. He was the founder and the first President of Timber Merchants' Association of Karachi. He was the creator of Sheikha Charitable Trust and was the Trustee of many trusts and funds. He was a silent and quiet worker doing his best for his community.

Wadero Sardar Khan K. B. Dilmurad Khan Khoso, Zamindar and Land Lord of Jacobabad is a fine Upper Sind Personality. He is a member of Jacobabad District Local Board and is also a member of Local Jirga of Jacobabad and Thul. He is an important member of Shahi Jarga of Jacobabad and is much respected for his independence, honesty and Justice. He is the chief Makadum of Khoso race and is held in high esteem by his people.

Wadero Sahib hails from the most famous Khoso family where his grandfather was the first who introduced the Zamindari system in Jacobabad.

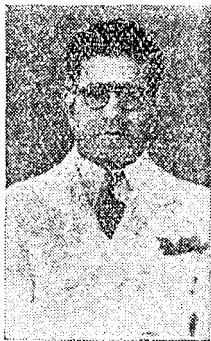
His late father K. B. Dil Murad Khan Khoso was a fine personality and was the President of Jacobabad Municipality for over 14 years and was also a member of D.L.B. Jacobabad for a number of years.

Sardar Khan is loved and liked both by Hindus and Muslims because of his sweet relationship with all the people of his place. In Jacobabad Wadero Sahib commands the greatest respect because of his influence among the people of his place. He is a very charitable minded person and has given thousands in charity but in a manner where left hand has not known what the right hand has done. He seldom makes a show of what he does.

It is therefore, that the people of his place have implicit faith and trust in his impartiality, honesty and Justice.

In short Sardar Khan is one of the most Colourful Personalitities of Upper Sind. *Address :*—Jacobabad, Sind.

Late Seth Ghulam Hussain Alibhoy was an important personality of Bohra Community. He was the Treasurer of Anjume-Daudi. He was the first person from Karachi who had a factory where Bolts and Nuts, etc., were Manufactured in Karachi. He was one of the pioneers of Hardware trade in Sind. He was a well respected member of Bohra Community of Sind. Now his son Mr. Hatimbhoy is carrying on the business of his father on Marriot Road, under the name of Messrs. Ghulam Hussain Alibhoy & Sons.

Mr. Murli Kundanmal Ramchandani, Land Lord, Zamindar, Contractor, Insurance Agent, is the Proprietor of Murlly & Co., Bunder Road, Karachi.

Mr. Murli is a fine young man with push and pluck about him. Hailing from one of the very earliest Zamindari families of Hyderabad, he has taken up to Industry and has done a lot in that connection.

He is a leading Director of Rohri Straw Board and Paper Mills Ltd., and Partner in the Managing Agency of the same concern. He is a partner of Murlly Transport Company, Karachi and American Electric Engineering Co., Karachi. He is a Director, Mehar Electric Supply Co., Ltd., and a partner of Paradise Bar and Restaurant. Mr. Murli is a great social figure of our City. Besides being a member of Karachi Club, he is the Vice-President of Sindhi Gymkhana, Karachi.

Mr. Murli is loved and liked by all those who come in contact with him for his rare social charm and graceful manners. He is a young rising Sindhi who believes in the advancement of our Province through Industry. In addition to his Insurance work, being the Branch Manager of the People's Insurance Co., Ltd., he has started a string of concerns where he is either a Director or a Managing Partner.

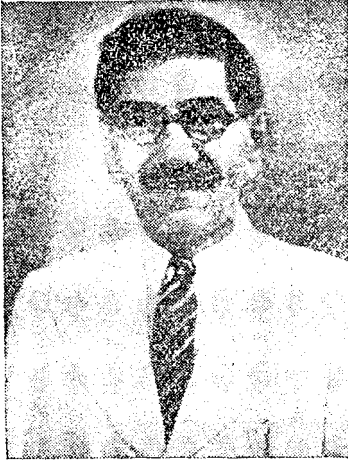
Mr. Murli is a great personality in the business circle of Sind.

Address :—30, Jamshed Quarter, Karachi, Tel. No. 2646.

Mr. Fida Hussain Yousifalli Marvi, the proprietor of Messrs. Valijee Esmailji Marvi & Sons is a fine young man of Bohra Community. He is the Secretary of Dawodi Bohra Vidyarthi Mandal and the Secretary of Saify Volunteer Corps. His shop is well known for Cotton Rope Nawar, Thread Balls, Epsom Salt and Sundries on Marriot Road, Karachi. The shop is one of the oldest concern in Sind for Nawars and Rope Manufacturing. It was started in 1865.

Their 78 years of experiences have made them specialists in Diamond Nawar Manufacturing in whole of Sind and Baluchistan.

Address :—Valijee Esmailji Marvi & Sons,
Marriot Road, Karachi.

Bhai Kishinchand Chellaram Daraynani a Sind Work merchant is a fine personality of Bhaibund community.

His keen sense of business, a cheerful social disposition and a charitable mind has won him many friends and admirers. His strict honesty and moral dealing with those who come in contact with him has raised him in the estimation of all. He is one of the most respected citizen who does business in all parts of the World. He is a man of courage and conviction. His son Bhai Shewakram is equally a brilliant business-man who is a model for the young Bhaibund community to copy.

Address :—Shahi Bazar,
Hyderabad, Sind.

Mr. Shewakram Kishinchand is a fine young Bhaibund of Hyderabad Sind. He is a Sind Work Merchant having shops all over India and foreign lands too. He is a keen businessman and a fine young social figure of his city. He is a member of Bhaibund Club of Hyderabad and gives his helping hand to all needy institutions which need his help and assistance. He is educated and cultured man of his community and a model for a young Bhaibund Generation to copy and follow.

He is connected with various institutions which are doing social work for the upliftment of Bhaibund Community. He is loved and liked by all his friends who come in contact with him.

Address :—Shahi Bazar,
Hyderabad, Sind.

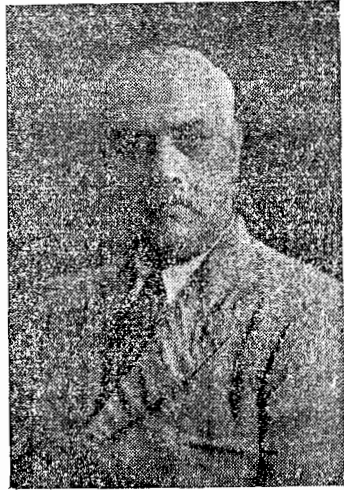
Seth Chandanmal Moolchand, J.P., Land Lord, Zamindar and the well known Sind Work Merchant, is the famous proprietor of Pohoomall Bros. (Europe). He is a world famous personality in business circle for his best connections which he has formed while visiting the branches of his firm which are all over the World. He has visited all the important cities of the World and has gained a world of experience.

He, apart from being an important Sind Work merchant, is a personality well known for his charity and generosity. His handsome donation to the Lady Dufferin Hospital, Hyderabad has been a great help to the noble institution which is fighting against death and disease among women of Hyderabad.

Seth Chandanmal takes keen interest in Civic and public life of Sind. He was the President of Sind work merchants' Association for two years in succession because of his valuable services to the Bhaibund community. During the time of Quetta Earth Quake in 1935 he was the President of Quetta Earth Quake Relief Committee of Hyderabad and rendered yoeman service to the Victims of the Quake. He is a member of Fair Prices Shops, Nursing Association of Hyderabad Civil Hospital, Red Cross Society, S. P. C. A. Hyderabad and Post and Telegram Association. Seth Chandanmal is not only a great public worker but an important social figure of Sind. He is a member of Masonic lodges of Hyderabad and a Director of Rotary Club of his City. He contributes monthly towards the funds of Wounded Soldiers' Canteen at Hyderabad Station. He is on the Managing Committee of Bhaibund Club of Hyderabad and takes keen interest in the welfare of the club which is one of the best managed clubs in India. He is also a member of both Jail Committees of Hyderabad Sind. For all his valuable services to the public Seth Chandanmal has been awarded K-I-H Medal and a Sword of Honour by the Sind Government and has been made a Justice of Peace.

Seth Sahib, with his active cooperation, has rendered great service to the War efforts. His contributions and collections for War Funds in Hyderabad as Sub-leader National War Front, have been much appreciated by the authorities. He is a Director of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company.

Seth Vensimal Kalachand, the proprietor of the Asian Roller Flour Mills Ltd., Messrs. Kalachand Deumal, Messrs. Kitson Light Flour Mills, Asian Roller Flour Mills Ltd., and Pesumal Vensimal firm, is a well known Bhaibund of Hyderabad. He has the keenest brain for business.

He started his first concern under the name and style of Messrs. Kalachand Deumal in 1920, doing business in Atta, Flour and Bran. Since then he has been extending and expanding his concern in various directions and today his concerns stand like a tree branching out in various directions. His mills are famous for producing best Atta, Flour, Basin, Meda, Sooji, Bran, Putra, etc., the best brands are Sails, Light, Two Birds, Sun Flower, They are the producers of quality goods having trade all over India as well as foreign countries. They have their agencies in Calcutta, Colombo, Coachin, Manglore, Madura, Belgam, Madras, Bombay and Banglore. They trade all over Indian Coasts, Red Sea Ports, Persian Gulf, and other important Ports of the World.

Seth Vensimal is an important personality of Sind. He is a member of Karachi Club and a trustee of many trusts of various communities. He is a very charitable minded and religious man and has given thousands in charity in good causes. He is one of the most colourful characters of Karachi in business circle. His son, **Mr. Bahgwandas** is equally brilliant businessman who is a model for young Bhaibund community to copy. He is working in the K. S. I. A. Flour Mills Syndicate as Government Wheat purchasing Agent. Mr. Bhagwandas is a great social figure and takes keen interest in the social life of our city. He is a member of many societies and clubs of Sind.

Mr. Hari B. Gandhi, B. A., comes from the most respected Gandhi family of Shikarpur being the son of late Mr. Bhagwandas Khanchand who was a leading advocate, and President of Shikarpur Municipality. After completing his education Mr. Gandhi has joined the British India General Insurance Co., Ltd., as the Assistant Manager of Karachi Branch. In his college and school days Mr. Gandhi used to take keen interest in sports and as such he won many prizes, medals and cups. Mr. Gandhi is a great figure in the field of sports from his school days and was the Champion player of many games. While in Shikarpur College, D. J. Sind College or the Law College he invariably represented in the Sind Inter Collegiate Sports and enjoyed record number of posts during his College Career as Secretary of Tennis, Badminton, Ping Pong, Hockey, Dramatic Society, Literary and Debating Society; besides being at one time General Secretary and Editor of the College Magazine. In 1938 and 1939 he captained Tennis Team of D. J. Sind College and Law College respectively which played at the Government House against His Excellency and his team. In 1934 Mr. Gandhi won Shikarpur open doubles Tennis Tournament with his brother Mr. Gianchand Bhagwandas who is a Police Officer. In the same year he became College Champion in sports organised in celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Late His Majesty King George V and was also awarded the 1st prize in the Darbar by the Collector of Sukkur District for the best essay written during the Jubilee Celebrations. In 1935 he won Shikarpur Club Tennis Doubles Championship with his brother Mr. Sadhuram Bhagwandas a leading advocate of that place. Mr. Gandhi has maintained the same interest in sports after leaving the college. He was elected Joint Secretary of D. K. Aswani Sindhi Gymkhana, last year and became Champion of Tennis Handicap Singles this year besides being Badminton Singles Champion for the last two years of the Y. W. C. A. Karachi.

Mr. Gandhi is a popular figure in the city clubs including Karachi Club. Mr. Gandhi takes keen interest in Civic life of Sind. He was appointed as a special Magistrate during the last Sukkur riots. In short Mr. Gandhi is a great personality and is known for his rare social charms and graceful manners and is loved and liked by those who come in contact with him.

Mr. Gopal H. Lalwani, B.SC., J.P., was born on the 13th March 1907 and comes from one of the noblest families of the Amils of Hyderabad. He was educated in the St. Patrick's High School and the D.-J. Sind College, where he showed signs of a leader of the people and much is expected of him—he is only 36 at present.

He is a great sportsman, excelling at Hockey and Tennis, and was the best doubles player of his time in the College, he has won many cups and prizes. He is the most dominating personality of his community and has been the youngest Chairman of the H. L. Chablani Panchayat Dispensary, a leading member of the Amil Panchayat & Female Education Society, ex-General Secretary of Amil Institute, Jt. Secretary of the Sind Collegiate Old Boys' Association, a Director of the Hyderabadi Amil Co-operative Urban Bank, Ltd., Trustee of the Gur Mandar, and a member of innumerable other Institutions. He is a tower of strength to the A.R.P. Organisation, being a member of the A.R.P. Advisory & Services Committees and Head Warden for Soldier Bazar and Jamshed Quarter.

His professional interests are varied-being a Share Broker, Insurance Agent and Hotel Proprietor. In spite of that, he devotes a great portion of his time to the social, political & religious uplift of his community and is a very fluent speaker, commanding the respect of his foes and friends, giving no quarters to enemies and being extra faithful to friends. At election work, he has none to equal him in his community and may be few outside. He is a Sufi by religion, being a disciple of the Jhok Dargah.

Mr. Sunder Kishindas Gursani, B.A., was a student of D. J. Sind College. In his student days, he was a fine Tennis player. He was Editor of College Miscellany.

Mr. Sunder is managing his father's business running in the name of M/s Kishindas and Sons, Cloth Selling Agents, having branches at Bombay, Ahmedabad and Sukkur. Mr. Sunder is widely travelled man and is known for his charity and generosity.

Address :—New Chali, Karachi.

Mr. Mahomed Bashir K. S. Hajee Nawabdin, comes from a very respectable Muslim family of Sialkot. He is a partner in the famous firm of Messrs. H. Ghulam Mahomed and Brothers of Karachi. This firm of Army Contractors and Purveyors to His Majesty's British Troops in India is a very notable concern of Karachi. This is the only firm in Karachi holding various letters of appointments from Viceroys, Governor Generals, Governors, Commanders and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Among those who have given the letters of appointment and appreciation to this firm are H. R. H. The Prince of Wales, The Earl of Willingdon, Viceroy, H. E. The Earl of Reading, the late Viceroy & Governor General in India, H. E. The Honourable The Earl of Lytton, P.C.G., E.I.E., H.E. Lord Carmichael, G.C.I.E., K.C., M.G., Late Governor of Bengal, H. E. The Earl of Ronaldshay, G.C.I.E., Late Governor of Bengal, H. E. The Right Hon.Sir Fredrick Sykes, G.C.I.E., Governor of Bombay, The Right Honourable The Earl of Willingdon, Viceroy & Governor-General of India.

Mr. Mahomed Bashir is young man of very sociable nature and has done a lot for the poor people of his community. He is held in high esteem by the people of his circle and is known for his charity and broadmindedness. As an Army Contractor of the York and Lancester Regiment, Mr. Bashir has established a reputation for honesty and reliability.

He is an important member of Anjaman Musliman of Punjab and is loved and liked by all those who come in contact with him.

Address :—Napier Barracks, Tele: No. 7132.

Sir Kavasji Hormusje Katrak, KT., O.B.E. J.P., is highly respected by the Government and the public at large, and his abilities have been recognised by his appointment as an Honorary Magistrate of the First Class, from the very inception of that institution. His services as an Honorary Magistrate were appreciated when R. E. Gibson then the Collector of Karachi wrote to him a personal letter thanking him for his keen sense of duty which he performed at the Karachi Dock Strike in 1929, at his advanced age. He is a member of the jail visiting committee, was a nominated member of the Karachi Municipality and was elected the Vice-President of the same body, N. W. Railway Advisory Committee and the Karachi Port Trust. He is president of the Young Men's Zoroastrian Association for life and a trustee of the Parsi Panchayat and other Trust Funds. He is the only Indian member of the Executive Committee of the Ex-Services Association. Life member of the Lady Dufferin Hospital, the Civil Hospital, the Blind School, the Red Cross Society and the Goolbai Maternity Home the Countess of Dufferin's fund. He is also President of Zoroastrian Club and the Karachi Parsi Housing Society, Vice-President of the S.P.C.A. He is Chairman of the Parsi Anjuman Trust Funds, and thus the leading member of the community. He is one of the "Twelve Leaders of Sind". He is the recipient of the Coronation and Silver Jubilee Medals, and was twice invited to the Buckingham Palace by His Majesty the Late King Emperor George V, who personally decorated him with the O. B. E. Medal in 1935. Sir Kavasji Katrak is one of the most colourful personalities of Sind and Baluchistan. He is also a Darbari of the Governor's Darbar in Sind.

Late Diwan Dulhadinomal Jiwatram Shivdasani, started the Sind Typewriting Co., in 1907. With a capital of Rs. 300/-, he with his keen business sense and gentle ways raised this tiny toy of concern into a huge stationers and paper shop, making it one of the leading concerns of Sind. Mr. Thakurdas Gopaldas Advani became a partner in 1926. In 1933 Diwan Dulhadinomal passed away to his heavenly home.

The firm is one of the most reputed shop of Stationery and papers. It is a leading Stationers and Wholesale paper merchants, shop on Bunder Road, managed by Mr. Thakurdas Gopaldas Advani and Mr. Gurmukhdas son of late Diwan Dulhadinomal. *Address :*—Bunder Road, Karachi.

Mr. J. Dyall, the proprietor of Rama Talkies is one of the best Tennis players of India. He has won several tournaments both in Sind and outside. He has, so far, won 105 cups. He is the highest handicap players. He has represented Sind at Hyderabad Deccan, Baroda, Bombay, Lahore, Quetta, Allahabad and many other centres of Tennis. Mr. Dyall besides being a Tennis Star of great fame is a great social figure taking keen interest in all the societies of our city of sweet breezes.

He is the Tennis Secretary, Sindhi Gymkhana, besides being a member of almost all the outstanding Clubs of our City including Karachi Gymkhana, and a member of Karachi Club Tennis Committee. As a Tennis Star Mr. Dyall is known as the "King of Handicap Tennis". He is also a member of Karachi Race Club. Mr. Dyall is one of the leading Land Lords of Karachi and is the oldest Exhibitor and Distributor of Sind.

Mr. Dyall is a great figure in the field of sports and is known for his charming social charm and graceful manners.

Seth Jethsingh Ramsingh, proprietor of Ramsing Talkies known as Rama Talkies is the father of Mr. Dyall. He is one of the leading Land Lords of Karachi and is one of the Pioneers of Film Industries in Sind. He is one of the most popular figures of old generation and is held in high esteem by all.

Mr. Chatrumal K. B., General Manager, Messrs. Rama Talkies is a great personality in the Exhibitor and Film line. He is a very efficient and successful manager and has improved Rama Talkies considerably and made it a first class house of entertainments in Sind.

Seth Radhakishindas Naraindas Ahuja is the proprietor of M/s. R. N. Ahuja & Co., the leading Photographers, Elphinstone Street, Karachi. Seth Radhakishindas was one of the Capitalist partners in the leading concerns of Photographers Messrs. D. A. Ahuja & T. N. Ahuja & Co. of Rangoon which was established in 1885 in Rangoon, with branches. These leading concerns of photography were famous all over Burma and known throughout the world. They were sole Agents & Distributors for Burma, for practically all the well known Photographic Manufacturers throughout the world, i. e. Kodak, Agfa, Ilford, Solo, etc., etc. The present shop at Elphinstone Street was established in 1938.

The famous firm of photography has been patronised by many officials notable among them are H. E. Viceroy Lord Linlithgow, Lord Chelmsford, Lord Reading, The Commander-in-Chief in India and Burma and the Governor of Burma. The shop today is managed by **Mr. Premchand Ahuja** son of Seth Radhakishindas, who is the managing partner of the firm. It is one of the leading photographic firms and the largest distributors of photo supplies in Sind and Baluchistan. The shop is very popular both among the Civil and Military Officials because of its prompt, efficient and best service.

Mr. Rughumal Tolaram, J. P., Land Lord and Zamindar of Karachi is a fine personality. He was the first student who joined Model High School, when it was started in 1926. In his school days he was a great sportsman and was the Captain of Hockey Team. Mr. Rugumal takes keen interest in the Civic life of our City. He is a member of Cotton Exchange, Cotton Merchant Association, Karachi Indian Merchants' Association. Pepper's Merchants' Association, Commission Agents' Association.

Mr. Rughumal is a loyal friend. He contested recent Municipal election but withdrew in favour of his friend and got him elected.

Mr. Rughumal is a great social figure besides being an important member of Karachi Club, is a member of many Clubs and societies of Sind. He comes from a very respectable Sehwani family of Sind and is known for his charity and generosity. He has a number of friends both among the Hindus and Muslims who held him in high esteem for his graceful and charming manners. He is a great personality of Gari Khata among the merchants and Land Lords.

Address :—Frere Road, Karachi.

Late Seth Alibhoy Karimji Alavi was the founder of the famous firm **Yusafali Alibhoy Karimji & Co.,** Napier Road, Karachi. The firm was started by him in 1896. It is one of the most reputed firm of Karachi, doing Export and Import business. It exports grain, flour, etc., and imports Sundries, Piece Goods, Hardware, etc. They are the representatives of the world famous American Company of Messrs. Muller & Phipps (India) Ltd., dealing in various wares all over the world. They also represent the welknown file manufacturers Messrs. Nicholson File Co. The firm also represents the Eagle Star Insurance Company Ltd., The Western Assurance Co., Ltd., and The Eastern Federal Insurance Co., Ltd. The Senior partners of the firms are Messrs. Ghulam Hussain and Mahomedali A. Alavi.

Address : Yusafali Alibhoy Karimji & Co.,
Napier Road, Karachi.

Dr. Peshoton Sorabji Dubash. To study well and to pass examinations is good but it is something by which the student does good to himself directly though he may be bringing some *credit to his* community, town or nation by doing so. When a man after his studies produces some work which is appreciated and *recognized* by not only his community, town, and nation but also by people of other countries then he can be said to have contributed towards the advancement of human welfare and thus having served mankind and not only done good to himself. A man or a woman may try more than one kind of work and may show versatility but unless the criticisms of those who are competent to do so show that the work in various directions is *efficient* it cannot be considered as creditable contribution and the contributor cannot be called a versatile genius. In Karachi Dr. Peshoton Sorabji Dubash is a man whose contributions in the spheres of art literature and science have met with first class approval. Occasionally some of his work may get adversely criticised, but that has happened to nearly all those men of the past who are to-day recognized as geniuses. As Dr. Dubash has been doing original work in so many *different spheres of activities* it is not easy to say that all such began in 1917, and so, this year is the silver jubilee; but as some began a year or two earlier and some one or two years later this year or next can be easily taken as the jubilee year.

We find that his *lecturing* career began in *1915* in London where he gave public lectures and read papers before learned societies etc. in north, south, east and west of London including the "Grafton Gallery", "Toynbee Hall", "Prince Henry's Room", "Caxton Hall" and even "The Central Hall, Westminster", under the patronage of *H. M. Queen Mary on 7th July, 1917* on "Babies of Hindustan" during the "National Baby Week" bringing before the public mind for the first time, the cause of maternity and child-welfare in India which led to different parts of India, particularly Sindh start doing such things for public health, as, many copies of the programme of the "National Baby Week" in London were sent to the municipalities of Hind, particularly of Sind and Bombay. His lecturing career

continued in London and Hind also, and he gave lectures at the "*Sassoon Mechanics Institute*", "The Sanitary Institute" and the unavoidable "Theosophical Society" at Bombay and at the "Katrak Hall", the "Theosophical Society", for the "Rotary Club" in (Freemason's Hall), the "Seva Sangh" and the "Khalikdina Hall", etc., in Karachi till reading the two public addresses given to Dr. Manek Pithawalla and His Worship, Mr. Sohrab Katrak the Mayor of Karachi, when we only recently saw how much trouble Dr. Peshoton had taken to make sure of every word's pronunciation and even accent. His most favourite subjects in Europe were "*Dreaming*" & "*Mazdayasnan*".

His literary career started in *1916* when his booklet "*Dreaming*" was published in which his original theory of *thought-attunement* as one of the causes of dreams was given and which theory is almost everywhere now recognized and has been even mentioned in medical hand-books. His other essays on "Reason in Lower Animals", "A Theory of Colour Vision", etc., have appeared in English periodicals like the "Philomath", "The Opticaian" and the "Popular Science Siftings" and in the Indian papers "Hindi Graphic", "The Praja Bandhu", "The Sind Observer", "The Indian Engineering" and the annual numbers of the "Sanj-Vartman", "To-morrow", "The Observer", etc., till recently we have seen his booklet "Can Future be Foretold" ? etc.

These are just facts. Now let us see what those who are in a position to judge, say about his lecturing and prose work. *Rev. Dr. John J. Pool* of London wrote in the "Gazette" of the 1st March 1918 a note about him and said "As a lecturer Dr. Dubash has attained to considerable *eminence*" and since then he has been lecturing and speechifying in Bombay, Karachi, Patna, etc. For his prose work only one remark of *Sir James C. Squire* in the "Land and Water" of 26th April, 1917 that puts Dr. Dubash along with those Indian authors "who write rather *better English* than we do" should be sufficient.

Turning to arts, Dr. Dubash as a young boy was always very fond of drawing and painting and has produced some good specimens for a boy who had no training at all, except what we all get in schools. Yet it is a matter of doubt whether in this direction his actual production is of real good merit as an artist. Yet he is known as a reliable judge of paintings and of graphic arts we believe he knows *more than most Indians*.

It is in the field of poetry that Dr. Peshoton Sorabji Dubash has won the greatest credit. His first book of poems "Rationalistic and Other Poems" was published in 1917

and from that time till now his poems have received unstinted praise. Sir James C. Squire in the "Land and Water" of 26/4/1917 said "And Yet another work that *posterity* should not let willingly die is Rationalistic and Other Poems". His "Romance of Souls" is a book in which he has written poetry not in his style of strict orthometry but somewhat in the modern loose style in parts. It seems he has used careless blank verse as back-grounds from which by contrast his regular metric and rhymed portions stand out strikingly. The Italian editor of the "*Il Piccolo*" "della Sera" of Trieste had up-held this "Romance", and even a Parsee paper "The *Kaiser-i-Hind*" said in its issue of 19th February 1922. "It has been remarked that the Parsis do not possess any *original literary genius*; but here is a Parsee poet who disproves the statement by rendering an original idea in English verse." In 1924 the "*Empire Poetry League*" of London and the "International Institute of British Poetry" elected him as their *vice-president*. In the same year he won the *bronze medal* at the "World Literary Competition" open to all nations of the world during the "*International Olympiade*", and the "Daily Gazette" of 10th September, 1924 published a note with the caption "A Literary Luminary", and strangely enough "The Times and Gazette" of Halifax of the 10th October, 1924 happened to give this news under the same caption "A Literary Luminary" also various Bombay papers particularly "The Rast Goftar, Praja Mitra and Parsee" of 14th September, 1924. By now Dr. Dubash was not only accepted by the British as an English poet but was internationally recognized as such. His last book of poems "Spiritual and Other Poems" published in 1934 made even the "*Times of India's Illustrated Weekly*" which is about the most unwilling periodical to recognize an Indian as a poet in English language, say in the issue of the 16/9/1934 "Lovers of poetry will welcome this book of Mr. Dubash. The present-volume sets a very high standard it shows keen insight into the moods of human nature which all people feel but which only poets can express...." To quote Hindi and British papers for reviews of his prose and poetry writings one would have to use more space than one feels justified.

Turning to his contributions to science it may be said that right from so early as in 1913 Dr. Dubash had patented a *non-refillable receptacle for solids*. So far there had been some such for liquids but for solids Dr. Dubash's patent was the very first of its kind in this world. In geometry he discovered two methods for inscribing regular *pentagons* and one for inscribing regular *heptagons* in 1922 and the "London Mathematical Gazette" considered these methods for *pentagons* as good as those of De Ville, Durer and for *hepta-*

gons that of Lionardo da Vinci but simpler than of these European geometricians. This is a recognition from Europe for these constructions only, but Dr. Dubash has also discovered a practical solution of world's ancient problem of *trisecting any angle* to a fair degree of accuracy. It is unfortunate that so far no one has come out to recognise it as the claim is too great after mankind having been baffled for over two thousand years. One critic in the "Times" said that Dr. Dubash was wrong because he had worked on the falacious idea of trisecting a chord of an arc of the angle. The fact is that Dr. Dubash does not even draw a chord, and if a chord, which is a line, is not even drawn how can it possibly be trisected. Thus the critic did not know what he was writing and wrote something only to show wrongly Dr. Dubash incorrect. His theorems in *properties of numbers* have also remained unrecognized though no one has tried to prove them wrong, as they are self-asserting truths. It is now for some Indian institute to recognise these. Another branch of science in which Dr. Peshoton has done some very important original work is *chromatics*. His booklet "Colour and the Child" for training the colour sense of children perhaps should have been mentioned in his contributions to the advancement of art, but the art of education is a scinece and so it is referred to here. The best we can do in this is to quote what the Hindu editor of the "*Praja Bandhu*" of 13th November 1921 says "Dr. Dubash is doing pioneering work in varied fields of activities. Had the author of the Colour and the Child been a white-skinned European, he would have been lionized as a *specialist*, if not as a genius". "The London Times", "The Inquirer" etc. have also reviewed it. Mankind has existed for more than fifty thousand years it seems, yet it was left to Dr. Peshoton Sorabji Dubash to discover that the *ears of the totally blind could be used to discriminate* between colours. Through the "Daily Gazette" of the 15th June 1922, Karachi, for the first time, got to know about this discovery of Dr. Dubash by the article captioned "How the Blind can Hear Colours". We are informed that in near future Dr. Dubash's big work titled "*Colour Psychology*" is to be published in which his other researches in the field of colour psychology including colour-vision are to be given to the world.

In the issue of the 22nd October 1918 of the "Popular Science Siftings" appeared a notice under title "*Sewage Disposal by Fish Culture*" which begins thus "A new method of sewage and refuse disposal has just been discovered by a Parsee scientist of India, Peshoton S. G. Dubash, D.Sc., etc." Copies of this issue were posted to the Karachi Municipality and also to all the municipalities of Indian big sea-ports. His discovery which was again reviewed by the Ahmedabad

paper the "Praja Bandhu" of 21st August 1921. The "Daily Gazette" of the 16th August 1923 when it was not under any Parsee control, and had given another long review of his original work under the caption "Researches and Discoveries of Dr. P. S. G. Dubash" in which beside what has been mentioned here his arithmetical phenomina of *sum-digital recurrence, our two dimensional vision, talkativeness in women,* etc., theories were enumerated. The "Iran League Quarterly" of July 1941 under the caption "Some Splendid Research Work of Dr. Peshoton S. Dubash" has reviewed at length most of his work.

Besides his these contributions he originated the *"International Day Movement"*, the "Authors' and Artists' *Exchange"*, the *"Experimenters Circle"*, etc. and as the active patron of the first "Indian Industrial Exhibition" he had originated the *"Hall of Journalism"*, and the "Conference of Poetry" in 1922 at Karachi.

He was elected the President of the "All-India Homoepathic Research Conference" at Dinapore in 1940-41, and the same year 1940 his paper "Educational Research and Suggestions" was submitted to the "All-India Educational Conference" at Udaipur. In 1941 his paper on "Generosity of Zoroastrian Emperors to the Jews" was accepted at the "All-India Oriental Conference at Hyderabad (Deccan). The Secretary of the "Indian Delegation" to the "Pacific Relations Conference" took with him Dr. Dubash's idea of his "International Day" as India's contribution to Quebec and through the "Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries", London, his ideas of using kitchen refuse to culture amphibians like green tortises was submitted to the "United Nations Food Conference" at "Hot-Spring", U. S. A.

Besides the various *educational qualifications, intellectual attainments, scientific researches,* and *original organizations* of Dr. Peshoton Sorabji Dubash which have been reviewed in the "Hindi Graphic" of 1921, the "New Times" of 20th May 1922, the "Daily Gazette" of 15th June 1922, 27th May 1922, the "Kaiser-i-Hind", 27th May 1922, 19th February 1922, "The Popular Science Siftings" of 22nd October 1918, the "African Times and Orient Review" of October 1917, "Il Piccolo della Sera" of 13th December 1923, "Il Piccolo della Sera" of 15th May 1928, "The Mah Gujrat" of the 28th December 1935, "Il Piccolo di Trieste" of 6th January 1937, "The City Press" (London) of 11th February 1938, "The Jam-e-Jamshed" of 3rd December 1938, "The Gul Mohur's Centenary Number" 1940, "To-Morrow" of 1st November 1940 (Idd-Diwali Number), "The Indian Nation" (Patna) of 1st January 1941, "The Iran League Quarterly" of July

1942, and others that all cannot be mentioned, *there are a few important facts that are generally not known and so they may be here mentioned.*

1. Dr. Dubash had originated the idea of having "*The Hall of Journalism*" at the "All-India Industrial Exhibition" at Karachi in 1922 to show the news-papers published in Hind. Now-a-days we read in news-papers that in various parts of Hind at journalistic, etc., conferences such exhibitions of Indian news-papers, etc., are made regular features;

2. For those communities who do not object to burning their dead Dr. Peshoton had suggested that from the *ashes of the dead bodies statuettes* could be made of the dead by using some suitable cementing material and the first time he gave his idea to the world was by his article "A Unique Monument to Lord Kitchener" in the "African Times" of October 1917 that from the ashes of the bodies of the soldiers killed in the last world war a monument of Lord Kitchener might be made;

3. He had taken up the fight on our side of Hind, for the "*Independence* of the Vatican" and wrote articles on the "Cause of His Holiness *the Pope*" in Indian papers in 1922;

4. We hear of attempts to start now-a-days *commercial museums* in Sind and we find that this idea also was put forward by Dr. P. S. Dubash in the jubilee number of the "Coronation College of Commerce", under the title "Commerce Industry and Crafts Museum" at Karachi, 1923;

5. The cause of *Zionism* also he had taken up here in 1920 and had received a letter of gratitude from the "Zionist Organisation's" central office in London, and signed by no less a man than Mr. Joseph L. Cohen known as most unwilling to put his signature to any such statements;

6. When it was being considered that *no visitors' tax* should be taken by France from British visitors meaning English and Scotch, etc., Dr. Dubash appealed to the "Association France Grande-Bretagne" in 1925 not to take any such from *Indian also* and they agreed;

7. It was Monsieur Camille *Flammarion* after whom, the whole system of mathematics, the solar mathematics, is known, who himself proposed Dr. Peshoton S. Dubash as the *agrge if the "Societe Astromomique de France"*. Prof. Flammarion's name in astronomy, and mathematics in our times is as important as was of Sir Isaac Newton in his days.

Various papers have already mentioned how he sympathised with the Indian labourers and was the founder's president of the *"Workers Welfare League of India"*, the first labour benefit organization for Indians, how his giving of a lecture on the "Babies of Hindustan" during the "Baby Week" in London in 1917 which lead to the "Health Weeks" etc., getting organized in Hind and getting public attention to maternity and child welfare.

Thus Dr. Peshoton Dubash has given *service internationally* in shperes of *arts, science, literature and social welfare* for just about twenty-five years now.

He has been a keen *collector of stamps* etc., and was elected the *Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society* (London) and even gave a paper on "Some Historical Happening in *Postal Service*" to this "Society" and we believe he is the *first Sindhi* to be a fellow and to give a paper, the same as he was the first Sindhi to get the *"Freedom of the City of London"* and *the thirteenth Hindiman since 1876.* Perhaps he is the best man we have in Karachi who knows something about various *graphic arts* and he possesses specimens of these of all kinds from the 15th century till this, whereas we do not as a rule know what graphic arts are.

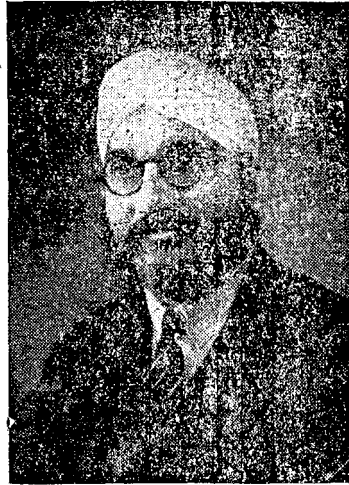
This year 1943 is practically the jubilee year of Dr. Peshoton Sorabji Dubash's contributions in various fields of human progress and so Admiral Enroy S. Land, Chairman of the "United States Maritime Commission" wrote on the 16th April 1943 to Dr. Dubash as follows :—

Dear Dr. Dubash,

May I offer you my congratulations on your silver jubilee. The firm of which you are senior partner is rendering a distinct service to the war effort of the United Nations. While our immediate concern is with the war, we are not forgetting, be assured, your personal contribution to art, literature, science, and international goodwill. May you enjoy many more such full years.

Sincerely yours,
E. S. Land,
Chairman.

Another similar letter of appreciation of his contributions was received from His Majesty's Privy Councillor, Rt. Hon. Mr. Thomas Williams, M. P. this year.

Sardar Tirathsingh J. Lalvani, the proprietor of J. Tirath & Co., and Indian Drug Agency, Chemists and Druggists on Bunder Road, Karachi, is a fine Sikh personality of Sind. He was a Municipal Corporator, Karachi, and the Sikh representative on Shromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Amritsar. Was the Chairman of the Reception Committee of Sind Sikh Conference held in Karachi in 1941. He is a trustee and member of various religious trusts and committees.

Sardar Tirathsingh is not only public personality but a leading businessman of Karachi. His famous firm of J. Tirath & Co., doing business in Drugs and Medicines in Karachi is the first Sindhi enterprise in Chemist line started in 1918, doing business in India and outside, representing some of the most leading Foreign and Indian Manufacturing Firms of Medicines. The firm represents the most notable Indian Manufacturing concern of Calcutta the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works Co., Ltd.

Sardar Tirathsingh is known in Sind as the pioneer in the art of advertising. Before him no one in Sind knew the value of advertising his wares. It was he who revolutionized the advertising business in Sind. His success in advertising a famous chocolate laxative "Castophene" brought such wonderful results that many a firm started imitating the same, but with no result, because with Sardar Tirathsingh the Quality goods always count.

Men like Sardar Tirathsingh are pride of Sind, who have given impetus to industry and art.

He had been the first President of Sind Chemists Association, Karachi for 3 successive years—where he used to take most prominent part.

Address :—Indian Drug Agency,
Bunder Road, Karachi.

Telephone :—2977.
Telegrams :—"Tirathco."

Mr. C. H. V. Pathy, B.A., Assistant Editor of the "Sind Observer" for over a decade. Hails from Malabar and is member of a family prominently associated with daily English journalism in several parts of India for many years. Started his journalistic innings at Lucknow as assistant editor of the now defunct "Independence", sponsored by Pandit Motilal Nehru and edited by Mr. C. S. Ranga Iyer, M.L.A. Subsequently migrated to his home province, functioning as sub-editor of the "Daily Express" and news editor of "Swarajya"—two leading English dailies of Madras city. Had a short spell of work with Mr. Sadanand in the Free Press news agency at Bombay. His services were also requisitioned by Mr. Sachchidananda Sinha for the "Indian Nation", Patna, where he acted as sub-editor.

Came to Karachi in March, 1933, as assistant editor of "Sind Observer" and has got stuck up. Apart from the usual routine editing work, has contributed several features for the paper, under the pen name of "Koi Hai". Travelled with Sir Lancelot Graham during his first tour of Sind, contributing special articles. Covered also the Quetta earthquake, the Bombay Congress, the Joint Parliamentary Committee debate in the Central Assembly, not to speak of innumerable local assignments. Was planning to go abroad to have a peep at Fleet Street before the war. But Hitler smashed all his dreams and Mr. Pathy's regret is that he did not have a chance to have a pre-view of Europe before the German tanks rolled over Poland.

Mr. Pathy is also a fertile free lance journalist and has contributed occasional articles and paragraphs to some British and American newspapers and journals. Is a non-party nationalist in politics. Hobbies: photography, tennis, bridge, gossip about personalities and writing light verse.

Seth Lilaram Shewaram Bhojwani, hails from the most famous Bhojwani family in Sind. He is the President of Hyderabad Bhaibund Punchayat, and is held in high esteem by the members of his community. His firm of Messrs. Lilaram Shewaram on Bunder Road, Karachi, established by him and now run by his sons Vishindas, Purshotamdas and Satramdas is well reputed and famous as Importers & Exporters of Dry fruits, grains and seeds throughout Coastal Ports of India and various parts of the World. The firm is the oldest in Karachi and has branches in Bombay, Madras, Chaman and Rangoon.

Seth Sahib is a great social figure and a silent worker for the members of his community and is loved and liked by both Hindus and Muslims for his broadminded views and charity.

Mr. P. N. V. Rao, M.A., Sub-editor, The Sind Observer. A young man of 31. Preferred the precarious career of a journalist to teacher's job in home town in Andhra. Wields the pen with the same facility as he can speak. Disappointment has not driven him to fatalism. He has his moorings firm in rational religion. A product of Theosophical education, he is a Fellow of the Theosophical Society and is vice-president of the Karachi Youth Lodge. Political prominence is his ideal, to reach which he thinks journalism is a necessary preliminary. Was connected very early in life with the constructive work of the Congress, and was for some time Joint secretary of the District Harijan Sevak Sangh and Hindi Prachar Samiti. Has been an unchanging advocate of linguistic re-distribution of provinces in India and one of the prime workers for Kisan welfare in Andhra desa.

Late Seth Shivji Bhai Thakursee and **Seth Jairam Kerson,** started their shop in Jodia Bazar of Gold Smith in 1885, which was shifted to its present position in the Elphinstone Street in 1902.

Seth Hirjee & Premjee after the death of late Seth Shivji Bhai and Seth Jairam Kerson have been carrying on the business. They have expanded and extended the business to considerable extent and today the shop of Messrs. Shivji Thakursee & Co., in the Elphinstone Street, stands as one of the best Jewellers and Diamond Merchants Shop.

Seth Hirjee Bhai son of late Seth Shivji is a leading member of his Goldsmith Community and has been the President of his Panchayat for a number of years. He has been the President of the Diamond Merchants Association of Karachi and also the Goldsmith Association of our City. For his service to his community and public Seth Hirjee has been made a Justice of Peace by Sind Government which honour he richly deserves.

Address :—Messrs. Shivjee Thakursee & Co.,
Elphinstone Street, Karachi.

Mr. Hiranand Kansingh Jagtiani is the proprietor of Sind Sanitary Mart, Hassanali Effendi Road, Karachi. He was a member of Sindhi Gymkhana. His shop is well known for sanitary wares and goods. They are Specialists in House Drainage and Sanitary Works of any kind and are Government and Municipal Contractors. Late Mr. Kansingh, the father of Mr. Hiranand, was a first class Magistrate and Mukhtiarkar in Sind. Mr. Hiranand is a Land Lord and Merchant and has taken to business which he started in 1932. His firm is one of the leading Sanitary firms in Karachi.

Address :—No. 3, Tolaram Ramdas Chamber,
Hassanali Effendi Road, Karachi.

Seth Rijhumal T. Mehtta is a well known figure in the business circle of Karachi. He was the Manager of Ganesh Khopra Mills, Karachi upto March 1943. He has his own business of Insurance and is a Film Distributor of Eastern Films exchange. He also does Commission Agent's business and Exports and Imports work on a very large scale, having branches at Colombo and Allephy.

Seth Rijhumal is a widely travelled man and has been in every part of India and also to Far East.

Seth Rijhumal like his father Seth Tikamdas is a great social figure. He is a member of Karachi Club and many other Clubs and Societies of Sind.

By his rare social charm Seth Rijhumal has created a number of friends who held him in high esteem for his sweet and charming manners.

Mr. Mahomed Basria Essooani is the proprietor of the English Watch Company, Elphinstone Street, Karachi. The famous firm was started by him in 1908. It is one of the oldest concerns of Karachi doing business in watches, presentation articles, Jewellery (diamonds and real gems). The shop is holder of highest certificates awarded to any Watch Maker in Karachi. They are the only Watch repairers who were appointed as the Government House Watch repairers and Makers by His Excellency Sir Lancelot Graham the Governor of Sind. They also hold the certificate of Commanding Officer, Western Command and many Military high officials for their best work and wares. They are the best Chronometer makers and Jewellers.

Mr. Mahomed Basria is fine Khoja personality who has built up business by his personal efforts and even today he attends to his business personally by doing everything himself. He is a self made man much respected in his community for his good work and charity. His shop is one of the finest watch shops in Karachi.

Address :—Elphinstone Street,
Opp. Bliss (Chemists), Karachi.

Diwan Kanvalsing Pohumal Malkani is a well respected member of Amil Community. He will be remembered as the pioneer of many concerns in Sind for which Sind is indeed proud of such a son. He was the first Sindhi who started the idea of serving Sind through his famous paper 'Sindhvasi' for which he started his famous Premier Printing Press at Hyderabad as far back as 1908. In order to feed the Press with paper, he started his second enterprising idea of opening a shop supplying paper to this province. Thus Messrs. J. B. Advani & Co., Ltd., was started by him in 1912 with Diwan Vasanmal Kishinchand, Mr. Bhagwansing Basantsing, late Diwan Jodasing Harising Advani, late Mr. Gopaldas Khanchand Mirchandani and Mr. Jethmal Thakursing Lalwani as his partners. The shop today stands as the premier paper concern in whole of India having branches in Karachi, Bombay, Madras, Lahore, Delhi and Calcutta. The firm caters for all kinds of papers and is noted for its honesty and reliability towards its numerous clients spreading all over India.

The present Managing Directors of J. B. Advani & Co., Ltd., are 1. Mr. Jethmal Thakursing Lalwani, 2. Mr. Hiranand Kanvalsing Malkani, 3. Mr. Bhagwansing Jotsing Advani, 4. Mr. Lilaram Vasamal Malkani.

Dr. R. H. Hiranandani, M.C.P.S., (Bombay) Civil Surgeon, Mirpurkhas has a romantic career. He started service in 1930 as a Sub-Assistant Surgeon and was the first Sindhi who was promoted to Provincial Service in 1927. He is the first Sindhi from Sind to qualify for M.C.P.S. in 1922 from Bombay. He has served as Civil Surgeon in Dadu, Nawabshah. The Graham Hospital at Nawabshah owns its existence through the noble efforts of Dr. Hiranandani. He is the only Sindhi, Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Specialistin Government service in Sind. When he was at Tatta within 6 months he performed 186 Tonsils operations which was the record number of operations that a doctor could perform. He is a most popular Civil Surgeon in Sind.

Address :—Dr. R. H. Hiranandani, Civil Surgeon, Mirpurkhas.

Late Seth Pessumal Mulchand Khiani was a prince among the Sind work merchants of his days. He was the best man in the entire firm of Messrs. Pohoomal Brothers and known for his honesty and fair mindedness.

He was a great figure in the field of civic life of Sind. He was a Municipal Councillor of Hyderabad Sind for 15 years, was its Vice-President too, and Hon: Magistrate for a number of years.

He was very charitable, generous and kind hearted personality of Sind.

Late Seth Pessumal was known for his implicit honesty and public had a full confidence in him. The guiding factor of his life was to lead an honest life. The cases of any kind of dispute were always given to him for arbitration and his award was always fair. He had inspired such confidence among the public that some time he had to go abroad to settle disputes. Such souls are rare now a days.

Mr. Jamnadas his son, is a fine personality of Hyderabad Sind and has been round the world visiting important cities and towns as the representative of famous Sind work firm of Messrs. Pohoomall Bros. (Europe). He is a young fine personality of Bhaibund community and has devoted considerable time to improve the state and standard of his people. He is a patron of Bhaibund Vidya Mandal, Hyderabad Sind, and an active member of Bhaibund Club of Hyderabad. As a representative of his firm he has been to Spain, New York, Japan, North Africa and many other places. He came to India by Pan American Airways Clipper from Spain *via* New York.

Mr. Mohan, his second son, Land Lord and Zamindar is a fine sportsman of Bhaibund community. He is a fine Billiard player and was the Champion of Billiard of Bhaibund Club 1942. He

is a very good Tennis Player too. He has a very broad outlook on life and is a Fellow of Theosophical Society. As a manager of his firm of Messrs. Pohoomall Brothers (Europe) he has been round the world and has visited many important towns and cities of East and West.

He takes keen interest in the welfare of his community and is the Secretary of the Social Welfare Committee of Young Bhaibunds. He knows many languages such as English, Sindhi, French, Malti, Spanish, etc. In 1941 he crossed the International Date line and was granted a certificate by Pan American Airways and returned to India in April 1941.

Mr. Sundersingh Ramchand Bhavnani was born on 6th August 1916 at Hyderabad. He comes from a famous Hyderabadi Amil family, being the nephew of Dewan Dialmal Doulatram, M.L.A. and grandson of late Dewan Dayaram Gidomal. He received early education in Jammu State, Karachi and Dehra Dun. He had his share of Military training too. Mr. Bhavnani from his early days had a passion for a world tour. It was in 1936 when he was not even 20 years old, that he left his home to realise the dream of his youth for travel to foreign countries. Ceylon, Singapore, Philipines, Hong Kong, China, French Indo China, Shanghai and Japan he visited. It was Japan which fascinated this Sindhi youth, who has brains for business. He started his business in 1936 in Japan and had severe reverses. In 1938 he married a Japanese Lady hailing from a most respected and talented family. Through his Japanese friends he was introduced to the most influential and important firm of Japan and he took their Agencies. His heavy Machine Oil Agency was the turning point in his luck. He started his Pearl, Jewellery and Industrial Diamond business which paid him well. No Indian had such an access to famous and influential Japanese firms as Mr. Bhavnani had. He is one of the very few Indians who can read and write Japanese Language. Before the outbreak of War with Japan, Mr. Bhavnani returned to India. He started the most novel and upto-date Night Club in Karachi, "La Casa Manana".

Unfortunately Mr. Bhavnani is compelled to lead a quiet life because of War. But his hidden powers one day are bound to play an important part.

Late Mukhi Hiranand Dewandas Dembla, of Old Sukkur, Sind was a fine personality of Sind. He belonged to the famous Mukhi Family of Old Sukkur and was their leading Mukhi. It was entirely due to his towering personality that Old Sukkur was saved from the havoc of Sukkur riots, because Mukhi Sahib was respected both by Hindus and Muslims. Late Mukhi Hiranand was a Bench Honorary Magistrate and Special Magistrate for a number of years.

He was the Managing Proprietor of the well known Dembla Flour Mills and Co., of Sukkur. He was also owner of some Cotton factories in Bahawalpur State where he was held in high esteem by the H. H. the Nawab Sahib and State Officials. Mukhi Sahib was a charming personality and a fine host. He had an open table where his friends, who were Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Parsees, were lordly served because he was an excellent host. By the sudden death of Mukhi Sahib, Sukkur and especially Old Sukkur has lost a great person.

Mr. Jethanand Sobhraj Batheja, Proprietor of Messrs. Jethanand Sobhraj, Leading Manufacturing Opticians, Bunder Road, Karachi, is a man of great genius. Hailing from the famous Batheja family of Shikarpur, noted for Physicians and Surgeons, son of late Dewan Sobhraj, District Medical Officer, Jacobabad Sind, Mr. Jethanand Sobhraj has acquired the position of one of the leading opticians in Karachi.

Starting business in 1929 on a small scale, Mr. Jethanand Sobhraj has today established a first class show-room and factory, equipped with the most modern machinery from the world famous American Optical Company, Mass, U.S.A., for the manufacture of all types of lenses.

Unassuming, affable and courteous, he is readily accessible to all and sundry. A man of high ideals of scrupulous honesty and integrity. Little wonder why he enjoys the patronage of the gentry and the sundry at large.

Mr. Hoshang H. R. Rabadi, B.Sc., B.T. (Bom) T.D., (Lond) was born on 14th October 1903 at Navsari, and was educated in the N. J. Government High School and D. J. Sind College, Karachi. After graduating in Science from the Royal Institute of Science, Bombay, he joined the Government Educational Department at Karachi. He was for some time as Science Master on the I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin". On his return, he began taking keen interest in matters, educational and was instrumental in training a large number of teachers of the Local Secondary Schools. He proceeded to England in 1938 and joined the Institute of Education, University of London. He passed his T. D. Examination, securing First Class in teaching. On his return, he was appointed as an Ex-Officio Secretary, Advisory Board of Education (Government of Sind) with the Hon. Minister of Education as Chairman, for a period of three years. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee for students proceeding to foreign countries. He is also co-opted on committees appointed from time to time by the Government matters of educational. He is a keen sportsman and takes interest in various extra curricular activities of school children.

Address :—Mansfield Street, Camp, Karachi.

Mr. Kewalram Bagomal Thawarani, the proprietor of United Stores, Elphinstone Street, Karachi, is a young Sindhi enterprising youth with the keenest brain for business. He started his shop in 1931 and today it is one of the leading concerns of Karachi and Quetta. The shop caters for Wine and General wares. They are Wholesale Wine Merchants and are noted for high class Groceries, patent medicines, baby foods, toilet and smoking requisites. Cold storage food is their speciality. They are Contractors and Purveyors to British and U. S. Forces in Karachi. The firm has established a reputation for honesty, reliability and fixed price. They supply the best material at least price. To please the customers at all costs is their motto.

Address : Elphinstone Street,
Phone No. 7530. Saddar, Karachi.

Late Swami Teunram Sahib was one of the most famous saints of Sind. When a child, he gave up everything and left his home in quest of Truth. He passed his time in prayer and meditation. Near Tando Adam where he lived he built up a temple, a wonderful house of Worship with his own hands. The temple today is visited by thousands of his disciples and has become a place of Pilgrimage and people visit it from all over India and the temple is known as "Amrapur". The Swamijee passed away to his Heavenly home in 1942 leaving a large number of followers to mourn his loss.

His Gadi is occupied by Swami Sarwanand who is equally a religious and pious Saint of Sind.

Seth Mahomedali Marvi is a member of Faiz Hakimi a Bohra Committee Trust. He is the proprietor of Messrs. Mahomedali Mulla Mussaji Marvi, Marriot Road, Karachi. They are wholsale and retail Chemists and Druggists, Karachi. They are the sole distributors of the products of Messrs. Staff Allens Kaolin Poultice B. P. & Sons Ltd., London, England. They also represent many famous firms of Druggists and Chemists and deal in all kinds of medicines, drugs, etc., etc.

Seth Mahomedali is one of the most respected member of Bohra community of Karachi, and his shop is one of the oldest chemists and druggists stores in Karachi, Agent of Dongre's Balamrit, Specialist in Indian Attars Rose Istamboli (Ejulab). He is one of the most retiring and quiet temper member of his community and his shop is managed by his young son Fida Hussain who is a very popular figure among the younger generation of Bohra community.

Address :—Mahomedali Mulla Mussaji Marvi,
Marriot Road, Karachi.

Bhojwani Brothers, Jewellers, Mithadar, Karachi, hail from the most ancient and respected Sindhi family of Sind. Their great grandfather late Seth Bhojoomal, after whom Bhojwanis are called, started his Shroff (Bankers) business in Karachi. After him came his son Thakurdas and then Seth Himatlal, after him came Seth Shewaram and he was succeeded by Seth Basarmal the father of present Bhojwani brothers, **Naraindas, Vasdev, Bhagwandas, Pribhdas & Gulabrai**. Their shop of Bankers, Jewellers, Diamond and Precious Stones is the oldest concern of Karachi, and was started as far back as 1828 in the days of Mirs when Bhojwanis were Bankers, Advisors, and Ministers of Mirs. The shop was started on the principle policy of honesty and on that rock of Elephant which is their Trade Mark and it has stood many a storm. Today though a number of Jewellers in Karachi, "Bhojwani Jewellers" stand on the top for their best business because of their honesty and reliability. Theirs is the best House of Jewellers in Karachi and have been awarded many Gold Medals and Certificates both from Public and Authorities. They are specialists in Sport and all kind of presentations novelities. Anything which bears the mark of Bhojwani means the "Best" may it be a Diamond, Precious Stone, or a presentation article. Bhojwani Brothers have made name from their forefathers for what is best in the World of Jewels, Diamond and Precious Stones.

Late Seth Abdul Hussain Jeewanjee Quettawalla was one of the most prominent personalities of Bohra community of Quetta and Karachi. He was a member of Faiz Hakimi and was a very much respected leader of Dawoodi Bohras. He had a heart for the sick & suffering of women. He donated a hosptial in Karachi for the maternity cases of Bohra community of Saddar. He was the founder and proprietor of A. Jeewanjee & Co., the well known Pipes, Iron and Hardware merchants on Marriot Road. Late Seth Abdul Hussain was well known for his charity and good work which he did for his community.

Mr. Essabhoy, his son, today carries on his father's business which he has considerably extended and expanded. He is a young enterprising Bohra youth of social and mixing nature. He is a member of Faiz Hakimi and also a member of Muslim Chamber of Commerce of Karachi. He is a Director of the Eastern Life Assurance Co., Ltd. His shop is best firm for anything in Hardware and the specialities of the firm are Pipes and Iron of which they are merchants and importers.

Mr. Essabhoy is an educated youth of lovable habit and rare social charm. He is a leading landlord, contractor and merchant of Karachi and is much liked and loved by the younger generation among whom he is very popular.

Mr. Sadikali, his second son is working in the shop and is a great help to his brother. He was a student of Aligarh University and was a keen sportsman in his school days.

Address :—Marriot Road,
Karachi (Sind.)

Late Seth Abdul Hussain Alibhoy Quettawalla, Merchant, Land Lord and Contractor was a well respected member of Bohra Community and was a member of Faiz Hakimi. He was one of the most charitable minded persons. It was through his generosity that today Bohra of Karachi have a Maternity Home and Dispensary on Tyabji Road, bearing his name as A. A. Quettawalla Charitable Maternity and Dispensary. He also made a gift of a ground to his community where the present Bohra Grave Yard stands. Besides these gifts, he gave thousands in charity to the needy and deserving members of his community.

Late Seth Tayabali Abdul Hussain Quettawalla, Land Lord, Merchant and Contractor, too like his father was a respected member of Bohra Community and carried on his father's good work of charity and generosity for the good of his community. He was an important member of Faiz Hakimi and was known for his good charitable work among th poor Bohras of Karachi.

Seth Fida Hussain Tayabali Quettawalla, J.P., Land Lord, Merchant is fine young Bohra personality. As he is Agent to Standard Vacuum Oil Co., Ltd., he has rendered valuable services to the Public by getting them Kerosine Oil and other necessary things in these hard times of War, Seth Fida Hussain silently serves his community like his father and grandfather and is held in high esteem by the members of his community among whom he is very popular. For his valuable services to his community in particular and public in general Sind Government have made him a Justice of Peace which honour he richly deserves. He is a member of Faiz-i-Hakimi, Hon. Secretary, Charitable Dispensary and Maternity Home. Hon. Secretary, Madrasah Taiyabiah.

Address :—Marriot Road, Karachi.

Mr. Fazal G. Lakda, aged 22, youngest skipper of the Karachi Bohra Gymkhana and also plays for the Muslim Gymkhana. He is a deadly slow left handed spin bowler and a fast left handed bat. First selected to play for the Muslim in Sind Pentangular Cricket Tournament in 1939 and came out with flying colours, in finals against Hindus, by scoring 80 not out and taking 6 wickets. He stood first in batting and second in bowling average among all the five teams participated in Sind Pentangular Cricket Tourney in 1939. He completed 1000 runs and captured 100 wickets in the first class matches, being the first Muslim to achieve such a record. He has played in the Ranji Trophy matches for the Sind Team from 1939-42 and has also played important matches at Multan, Lahore, Amritsar, Delhi, Aligarh, Rajkot, Jodhpur and Bombay with great success. In one of the matches outside Karachi, he had the distinction of having a bowling average of 1-0-0-4 wickets including a hat trick. He is in great form now and has an average of 101 runs in 7 matches.

Mr. Noman H. Bandukwalla is a fine sportsman and takes keen interest in the welfare of his Bohra community. He is the Captain of Badri Volunteer Corps of Bohras and did very useful work when people left Karachi in 1941 because of war panic.

Mr. Asgarali H. Bandukwalla takes great interest in Sports and is a member of many Sport Clubs and Societies of Karachi.

Mr. Hariram Rewachand, Land Lord and Zamindar is the proprietor of Imperial Talkies, Karachi. He is one of the most famous Distributors and Exhibitors of Sind having connections with the best film organizations of India.

Mr. Hariram besides being a great personality in the film world of Sind is a great social figure of Karachi. He is a member of Karachi Club and has a large circle of friends who simply adore him for his charming manners and graceful ways. Mr. Hariram takes keen interest in the Civic life of our city. In the last Civil Disobedient Movement, he flung opened his building for Gandhi Hospital and has given great aid to Red Cross Society, Sind Branch by giving them free performances and Benefit shows to strengthen the funds of the Society which is working for the welfare of the world.

Mr. Hariram comes from the most noble family of Sind who have donated lakhs in various fund such as Engineering College of Karachi, Khillany Hall, etc., etc.

Address :—Imperial Talkies, Karachi.
Tele : 2080.

Dr. Hemandas F. Sadarangani, L.C.P.S. (Bom) L.D.SC., Dental Surgeon is a fine personality of Karachi. He is a member of the managing committee of the Amil Panchayat, Karachi and takes keen interest in the welfare of his community. Dr. Hemandas is a great social figure and is a member of many clubs and societies.

His brother Dr. Motiram, D.D.SC. (Cal) is a great help to him in his hospital work and has been doing excellent work for the last 5 years and is a fine young man with excellent manners and social charm.

***Address* :—Robson Road, Karachi.**

Mr. Lakhi Tikamdas Mansukhani is a great Tennis player of our city. He is the son of Mr. Tikamdas Wadhumal the well known Citizen of Sind. Lakhi is a great social figure of Karachi. Besides being a member of the Karachi Club, he is an important member of the Tennis Committee of the same club and he is connected with many clubs and societies of Karachi and takes keen interest in all the games and sports, whether it be in the Sindhi Gymkhana or Y. W. C. A. He is a young man of rare social charm and is loved and liked by those who come in contact with him.

He does Insurance work and has given the best business to the Company for which he is working.

Address :—Bunder Road,
Karachi.

The Parisian Restaurant & Bakery was started in 1921 in Shroff building and was shifted to its present place in 1926.

It is one of the firms catering for the public in Karachi. They are best Bakers, Confectioners and Caterers, Tobacconists, General Stores and Toilet suppliers.

The Parisian Restaurant is known for its neatness, cleanliness and best stuff. The management have done everything in their powers to make the Restaurant attractive. The public in large number patronises Persians which shows how popular it has become among its clients. Everything which bears the mark of Parisian is neat and nice. They are the largest stockists of Iranian Rose water, dry fruits and fruit syrups. They supply to the cater for parties and weddings and are known for their best Birthday and Wedding Cakes.

Address:—Parisian Restaurant & Bakery,
Corner House, Saddar, Karachi.

BRAHMO SAMAJ in SIND

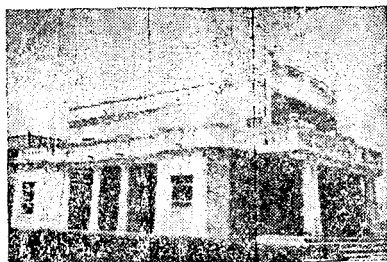
Traced to its source, the Brahmo Samaj movement in Sind will be seen to have originated in the life-history of a Hyderabadi Amil, Navalrai Showkiram Advani. Dissatisfied with the spiritual serfdom resulting from the traditional worship of *Gurus*, *Granthas*, and a host of intermediaries, sick of a diseased society in which men, women and children could not live up to their highest ideals and re-build a new social order, Navalrai broke loose from all these, and sought direct contact with God. His keen intellect, his moral and spiritual fervour, and his passion for civic betterment and social service, needed a God Who could touch him at all points, and make a whole man of him. While working towards this ideal, he came to know of Keshub Chunder Sen, who had stirred up new life not only in Bengal, and the other Presidencies in India, but by his missionary tour in England, in 1870, held forth before the world the hope and promise of an international cultural and religious fellowship. Navalrai came into touch with Keshub, espoused the latter's ideal of the whole man, of Karma, Jnan and Bhakti, welded together by the mystic will, Yoga, and set about to build up a compact group-life in Sind. This group-life, this new Brotherhood of believers, he built up round the new-found ritual of daily communion in which God is worshipped in his seven-fold divine attributes of Satyam (True) Jnanam, (All-Knowing), Anantam (Infinite and Eternal) Shivam (Love), Adwaitam (One-Without-A-Second), Shuddham (Holy) and Anandam (Blissful). This discipline of song, spontaneous prayer and upasana was the core, the nucleus of both individual and communal regeneration. Round this as a divine centre grew his conversational gatherings and study classes (Jnan culture), his congregational worship and *utsavs* (*bhakti* culture) and his team-work of civic literary, educational and other activities (*karma* culture). It was Keshub's ideal of the Brahmo Religion as culminating in the new dispensation (*navavidhan*) and recorded in the "Nava Samhita" practised in life in a vital, dynamic form!

Along those who constituted this new band of Brahmos, at once lay and missionary, may be mentioned the three brothers, Dewans Navalrai, Tarachand and Hiranand and Dewans Kauromal, Dharamdas, Tahilram and Pribhdas. The

first centres Prarthana Samajes in Karachi and Hyderabad were started in 1869. It was housed Mission Road in a Mandir of its own in 1886, and the present two-storied Mandir was finished in 1916, a dome, spire and symbolic cornerpieces being added in 1941. The Hyderabad Brahmo Mandir was finished in September 1875. Both these Samajes are centres of the Navavidhan in Sind. Among the publications from Sind, may be mentioned, in English,—"the Soul of Sind"—a life of Sadhu Hiranand. "The New Veda" translation of Keshub's autobiograhy—"Jeevan Veda", "The Sanctuary of Silence", and numerous tracts. In Sindhi,—Hymn books (also in Hindi) "Parloka-jo-Paigham", "Jeevan Veda" Lives of Navalrai, Hiranand and others.

The following taken from Keshub Chunder Sen's "Nava Samhita" forms part of our article of faith :—

CHURCH UNIVERSAL.—We believe in the Church Universal, which is the depository of all ancient wisdom, and the receptacle of all modern science, which recognises in all prophets and saints a harmony, in all scriptures a unity, and thru all dispensations a continuity, which abjures all that separates and divides, and always magnifies unity and peace, which harmonises reason and faith, yoga and bhakti, asceticism and social duty in their highest forms, and which shall make of all nations and sects one kingdom and one family in the fulness of time."

THE BAHAI CAUSE IN SIND.

The first Bahai in Karachi was the late Professor **M. R. Shirazi,** B.A., B.T. He became a Bahai while colleging in Bombay in 1908. In 1911 he settled in Karachi.

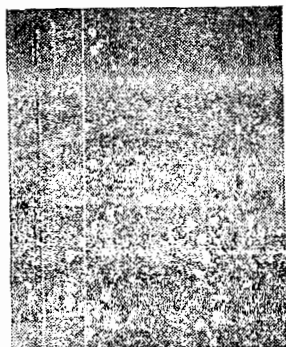
By 1921 there were already more Bahais in Karachi than was actually required for forming a spiritual assembly. So on April 21, 1921 a number of Bahais held a meeting at Malir, and in May a regular assembly was formed at the house of Mr. Isfandiar Bakhtiari opposite the Grammar School.

Before the close of that same year some rooms were rented in Elphinstone Street for the meetings where a board was set up with the inscription "Bahai Assembly" on it. After some time, due to a fire taking place in an adjacent building, the furniture of the assembly was destroyed by fire but being covered by insurance little loss was sustained.

THE RAMAKRISHNA MATH AND MISSION IN SIND.

"THE NATIONAL IDEALS OF INDIA ARE RENUNCIATION AND SERVICE INTENSIFY HER IN THOSE CHANNELS AND THE REST WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"—

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA.

The Ramakrishna Math & Mission are twin but Co-ordinate institutions started by Swami Vivekananda in 1897. Of these, the Ramakrishna Math comprises a monastic order which trains pure and selfless youths to a life of renunciation and practical spirituality with a view to equip them to serve the world in all possible ways. The Ramakrishna Mission, an institution registered under Act XXI of 1860, comprises the multifarious educational, philanthropic and charitable institutions conducted by the monks of the Ramakrishna order in conjunction with the lay disciples, followers and admirers of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda. The ideal of the Mission is to serve humanity, irrespective of caste creed or colour, looking upon men and women as veritable manifestations of the Divine. The headquarters of the Math and Mission are at Belur, a town on the Ganges a few miles from Calcutta. There are 103 branch centres in India, Burma and Ceylon, one each in Malaya, Fiji, Mauritius, England, France and Argentina, and eleven in U. S. A.

The Ramakrishna Math at Karachi was started in 1934. Mission activities were added in 1939 by the opening of a free Homeopathic dispensary at Barnes Street, a free primary school for Bhil children at Clifton and a free night school for Bhil adults, also at Clifton. The former provides free full mid-day meals daily to every child. A free eye clinic was opened in October 1943 at Soldier Bazar. Steps have been taken to spread Sanskrit education in Sind by propaganda in Schools and by providing Sanskrit teachers to schools which are unable to provide funds for the purpose. A free weekly Sanskrit class also is being conducted at the Math for the benefit of adults.

The Ramakrishna Math & Mission is situated in an extensive plot of ground at Garden Quarter, Lawrence Road (near Goa Flour Mills). Besides residential quarters for monastic members and a beautiful temple of Sri Ramakrishna, the premises contain the Vivekananda free library and reading room also. The President of the Math holds a weekly discourse in English on the Bhagavad Gita every Sunday evening which is open to the public.

The Ramakrishna Math & Mission activities are financed entirely by the public of Karachi and Sind.

It is proposed to extend the activities of the mission by the addition of an indoor Hospital, a students' home and a lecture hall.

THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

The idea of starting a purely Indian bank was first conceived in the year 1911 by the late **Sir Sorabji N. Pochkhanawala,** who was fired with the ambition to venture into a region which was practically the monopoly of British and foreign institutions. He had to his credit some years' practical experience at the Chartered Bank, and also held an important position for five years at the Bank of India.

The Central Bank of India came into being on the 21st day of December, 1911. From the very start, he had to face many difficult situations which were at once in the nature of an opportunity and a trial.

In 1923, two epoch-making events of great significance took place, namely, the Central Bank's assumption of control over the Union Bank of India and the amalgamation of the Tata Industrial Bank and the Central Bank.

Prior to the advent of the Central Bank, all banks used to confine their activities to banking operations pure and simple. Of the striking feature in the Central's comprehensive scheme of national service may be mentiomed the Home Savings Scheme, the Safe Deposit Vault, the Executor and Trustee Department, Depositors' Benefit Insurance, the Ladies Department, and the Cash Certificates.

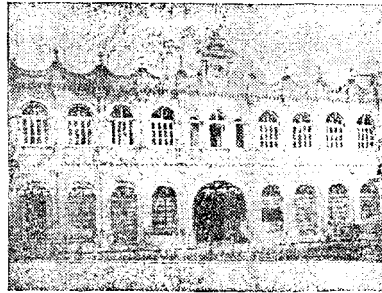
In 1937 Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala, the founder-manager of the Bank, passed away. As to Times of India once pointed out "there is no single person in India today to whom India indigenous banking owes a greater debt of gratitude than to Mr. Pochkhanawala". On his death, the Chairman of the Bank, Sir Phiroze Sethna, was appointed Managing Director and Mr. H. C. Captain, the Secretary of the Bank, was appointed Manager. On the death of the Hon'ble Sir Phiroze in 1938, the Chairmanship passed on the **Sir H. P. Mody,** while Mr. H. C. Captain became the General Manager. On

Sir H. P. Mody's becoming Supply Member, Government of India, Mr. Haridas Madhavdas was appointed Chairman of the Bank and Mr. H. C. Captain its Managing Director. On Sir H. P. Mody's resigning the Supply Membership of Government of India, he has retaken over the Chairman of the Bank again. In charge of Mr. Captain the Bank is today successfully weathering all the storms by a war-torn World.

The Bank had gradually but surely grown from strength to strength year by year. At the end of the last War in December 1918 deposits were a little under Rs. 5 Crores. In December 1921 when we were just ten years old, deposits totalled over Rs. 13 Crores. At the end of second decade in December 1931 these exceeded Rs. 15 Crores. Ten years later in December 1941 deposits stood at the huge figure of 41 Crores and thereafter there has been a considerable stride forward and total Deposits on 30th June last had reached the record figure of Rs. 72 Crores. Nothing could bear better testimony than these huge figures to the great confidence placed in the Management by our Countrymen. Simultaneously with increasing business, the Bank has been providing greater protection to its depositors in the shape of Capital and Reserves. In 1911, it started with a small paid up Capital of Rs. 10 Lacs. Today its paid up Capital is Rs. 1,68,00,000/- its Reserve and other Funds Rs. 1,48,32,000/- and there is further the Reserve Liability of Shareholders' Capital 1,68,00,000 thus Reserve and Reserve Liability provide for the depositors amounts to a substantial sum of nearly Rs. 5 Crores. The Bank's share of Rs. 25/- paid up has touched its highest and is today being quoted at Rs. 78/-.

The Bank has 190 Branches and Sub-Branches and pay offices throughout India, including several States. At several other places it has responsible agents who attend to our work.

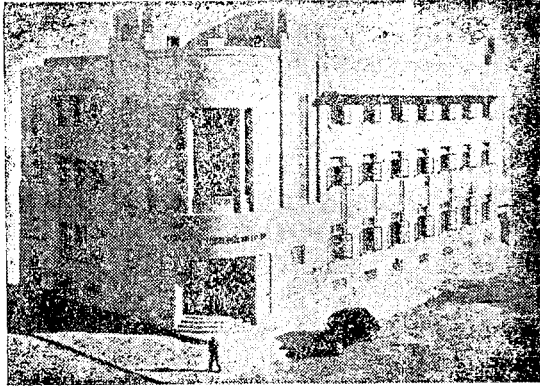
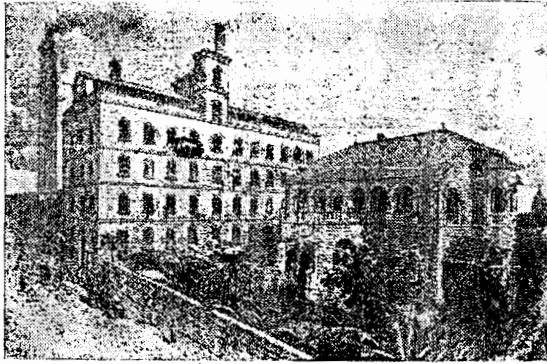
Out of the tiny acorn sown in 1911, has sprung up the mighty oak which we witness today with its branches spread throughout the length and breadth of this vast sub-continent. In Sind it has its branches in Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Jacobabad and Mirpurkhas.

MERCANTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK, LTD.

Mr. S. M. Chavan, has been the Manager of the Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd. since its inception. It will not be out of place to say that he has been one of the main promotors of the Bank. Under his managership the Bank has made rapid progress and today the Bank is considered to be one of the soundest Co-operative Banks in the Province of Sind.

The paid up share Capital and reserves of the Bank aggregate Rs. 5,10,000/- whereas the working capital amounts to Rs. 43,00,000/-. The bank has been declaring decent dividends from time to time. It is gratifying to note that the Bank has its own building worth several lacs. The present Board consists of the following Directors:

Chairman Mr. P. H. Gidwani, Vice-Chairman Mr. Hiralal N. Ganatra, Managing Director Mr. Durgdas B. Advani, Directors Messrs. Jeshtaram Bhawanji, Manohardas J. Narsian, Manilal L. Mehta, Nihalchand Rewachand, Ghanshamdas Ladharam and N. H. Lalwani, Pragji Dayabhai.

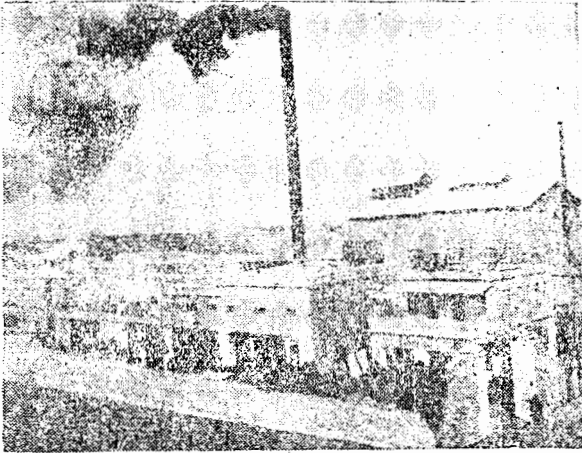
Mr. Chavan besides being the Manager, is a Congress man and Public Worker and is President of many Institutions. He has been a Municipal Councillor and enjoys good reputation all round.

The Hindusthan Safe Deposit Co., Ltd.

The idea of providing Karachi, the Liverpool of India, with the amenities of a Safe Deposit Vault was conceived in 1935 by its able Managing Agents, the well known and prominent merchants of Karachi, *viz.* Messrs. DOONGURSEE & SONS and matured in 1936 when the *Hindusthan Safe Deposit Co., Ltd.*, was incorporated as a public limited liability concern with Authorised and Issued capital of Rs. 15,00,000/- and Rs. 5,00,000/- respectively, which latter when offered was more than double over subscribed. This one factor shows how much confidence the public had in the Management, which is in the able hands of reputed business-men like Sir Homi Mehta, who is also Chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. A. D. Shroff, Seth Doongursee S. Joshi, Seth Manoobhai Doongursee, Seth Isserdas Varindmal, M.L.A., and Seth Jethanand Hiranand. The Company carries on Safe Deposit Business, and has its own building on a prominent site on the McLeod Road in a central business locality. The Building and the Vault have been designed by Mr. K. T. Divecha of Messrs. Sykes, Patkar and Divecha, a reputed firm of Architects at Bombay, on the most modern lines and provide upto date amenities. The Building is a two storeyed one, spacious, thoroughly lighted and well ventilated and attractive, whilst the Vault is comparatively one of the strongest in India and can be described as impregnable by the most skilled and persistent attacks of the scientific burglar. Further particular care has been exercised to see that it does not become out-of-date when modern warfare breaks out. The Local A.R.P. Authorities have certified it as well designed to resist damages from bombs. The Vault has the capacity of 5,000 Lockers and there is a spacious and well furnished Waiting Room provided for clients. The whole Basement is Air-Conditioned in order to give better protection to deposits against deterioration due to moisture.

Karachi Steam Roller Flour Mills was started by two old citizens of Karachi. K. B. Nusserwanji R. Mehta and Mr. U. Dinshaw, 35 years ago. It was a partnership concern of two welknown firms of Messrs. Nusserwanji & Co., of Camp, Karachi and Messrs. Dinshaw & Co., of Keamari, Karachi. After 4 years, it was turned into a Limited Liability Co., most of the shares having been taken up by Shareholders in Bombay and other places of India, the original firms having been appointed as Managing Agents.

MR. U. DINSHAW.

It now occupies a premier place in India, being the 2nd largest mill in the country. It has been extended 3 times in last 35 years. Its products have been welknown and its produces have been well established in whole of India and in many foreign countries.

It has a large staff of expert technical men and labour and has kept up its progress and name for quality all throughout.

GANESH KHOPRA MILLS, KARACHI.

The concern was orginally started about 30 years back, with its Directors (Capitalist Partners). Almost the same from the start upto now, all men of outstanding position. Its present name of the Ganesh Khopra Mills Company was adopted about seven years ago. Under the able guidance and supervision of its Directors, the firm has grown from year to year. At the outset, its Head Office was at Karachi and a branch at Sukkur. Now, with its Head Office at Karachi, its has branches spread all over India, including one at Colombo, in Ceylon. The firm at present owns, one of the largest Cocoanut Oil Mills in India, with up-to-date machinery, including an oil refiner, with the aid of which, edible oil is manufactured in the most scientific manner and under hygenic conditions, which has commanded and till commands very high sales. The latest product of the firm is **Cocogold**, which they have put in the market since about five years. As a cooking medium, this product of the firm enjoys a unique position in the market and during the short period, since it was first introduced, it has gained such a popularity that it sells like the proverbial hot cakes. The chief reason for its popularity is its purity and high quality, in addition to its being economical. As a mark of its purity and high standard of quality, several certificates, and medals have been awarded to it. Names of Directors :—1. Seth Dunichand Pahlumal. 2. Seth Ghanshamdas. Lunidaram. 3. D. B. Seth Kalumal Pahlumal. 4. Seth Doulatram Tilockchand. 5. Seth Parsram Khushalchand. 6. Seth Girdharilal Kodumal.

Messrs. PESTONJEE BHICAJEE.

Karachi has been built up on its port. **Mr. Pestonjee Bhicaji** the G. O. M. of Kimari harbour as was described by the "Idd-Diwali Number" of the "To-morrow" of 1st November 1940, started to attend to steamers that came to Karachi, at a time when the Karachi Port Trust was not established and he discharged such cargo as natural ice from sailing crafts as was mentioned in the "New Sind's" special "Pateti Number" of 1935.

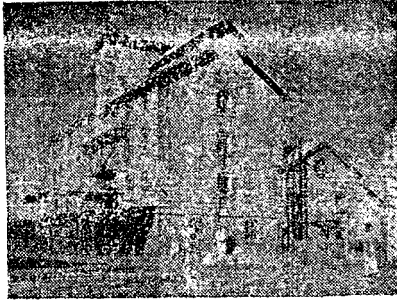
When its partner Dr. Peshoton S. Dubash got the 'Freedom of the City of London", the periodical "City Press, London" (11/2/38) said about Messrs. Pestonjee Bhicajee "They have handled the mail service steamers of the British India Co., since the establishment of the service over half a century ago and for nearly the same time have represented Messrs. Furness Withy & Co., Ltd. at Karachi." London's Royal Burough's news-paper the "Kensington News" (12-11-37) while referring to the world record of stowage done by them on S. S. "Llangolen" in 1936 said "It is pleasing to see India bringing credit to the British Empire". "The International Traffic News" Antwerp (No. 20, September, 38) published "They made the whole world's record of stowage of general cargo in packages in 1936 on S. S. "Llangolen" by loading for Messrs. Ralli Brothers, 41,300 bags of wheat with only seven cranes lifting only 35 cwts. at a time, in only eight working hours". "Denmark's Commercial and Maritime Times" (22/9/38) mentioned "Messrs. Pestonjee Bhicajee hold the record of fastest discharging of general cargo in packages by having discharged on the "West Wharf" 23,774 bags of sugar by six cranes in one working period from S. S. "Begum". The Greek maritime periodical the "Nautical Chronicle" (1/6/38) informed the ship-owners "There is in fact at Karachi, Veraval, Navlakhi and Okha the firm of Pestonjee Bhicajee who ensure the safe-guarding of the interests of ship-owners, accurate and good stowage at an economical cost for such efficient work". During the last world war they worked the steamers of the British, the French, the Belgian, the Italian, the Greek and Japanese Government. During the present World War II they are working two-thirds of the steamers coming under the "Ministry of War Transport" and the U. S. A. Maritime Commission besides the steamers of the "Ministry of Food" the Ellerman Lines under Forbes, Forbes, Campbell & Co. and the Duch steamers of the Java-Pacific Line. On the 2nd August 1942 there was a strike of stevedoring labourers and the only two steamers S. S. "Matiana" and S. S. "Barala" that worked full swing and S. S. "Agapenor" were the steamers under the agency of famous Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., attended to by Messrs. Pestonjee Bhicajee at the time of war when despatch was of utmost importance and delay of utmost danger. Messrs. Pestonjee Bhicajee are known to treat their labourers well and pay them their full wages.

The Hyderabad (Sind) Electric Supply Company Limited, was floated in 1920 to acquire the Hyderabad (Sind) Electric License from Mukhi Harkishindas, to whom this License had been granted in 1919 by the Government of Bombay. Mukhi Hiranand Tarachand & Sons were appointed as Managing Agents of the Company. The Contract for the supply and erection of Generating Plant etc. was given to Messrs. Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Co., Ltd. Electric Supply was commenced in the beginning of 1923, the opening ceremony being performed by H. E. Lord Lloyds, the then Governor of Bombay.

It was soon evident that the initial capacity of the Generating Plant was insufficient to meet the growing demand, similarly the distribution lines laid in the compulsory area in the first instance, could not serve all the requirements of the town. Arrangements were therefore made for extending the Plant and the distribution net work and this process of expansion has gone on continuously. In the meantime supply was extended in Gidu in 1929 and Kotri Town in 1930. The Municipal Water Works at Fort Lift and at Gidu were changed over from Steam to electric drive between the years 1932 and 1934. The possibility of utilizing electric power for driving various classes of machinery added to its convenience and flexibility was demonstrated by putting up in 1934 a model Ginning Factory with individual motors for each Gin and in its wake, came other Factories and Cotton Press and the line extended to Tando Jam 10 miles away. Subsequently the License was amended to cover an area of 20 miles radius, thus increasing the sphere of activity of the Company 16-fold. The N. W. Railway electrified the whole of Hyderabad and Kotri Railway Colony and Workshops.

In 1939, the Managing Agency of the Tando Allahyar Electric Supply Co., Ltd., was taken over by the Hyderabad (Sind) Electric Supply Co., Ltd., and the transmission line extended by 21 miles. Subsequently the townships of Tando Hyder and Husri were electrified.

Side by side as business progressed and financial conditions permitted, the rates of supply and other services were progressively reduced, so that today the charges compare favourably with those of any other town of similar size in the whole of India.

Throughout its career, the Company has been under the control of the Managing Director, Mukhi Mangharam. Mr. S. C. Dore has been in charge of the technical side, as Chief Engineer and Mr. L. M. Bhatia as Secretary to the Company.

The Sind Flour Mills Company Ltd., is one of the oldest flour mills in Sind and is known for producing best Atta, Flour Basen, Meda, Bran, etc., the mill is managed by a Board of Directors with Mr. Minocher Cowasji Dubash as the Chairman and Mr. Eduljee K. Sopariwalla as the Managing Agent. The management of the mill is purely from our City and has done a lot to help the Public and Government at all times. The mill is known for producing quality goods. The Miller of the Mill Mr. N. E. Sopariwalla is a competent young miller who has done everything to make the mill a first class mill in Sind.

Mr. S. E. Sopariwalla who is the manager of the Mill looks after every department of the mill as the mill does business with almost every part of India. They have agencies in Calcutta, Colombo, Calicut, Madras, Bangalore, and all along the Coastal lines and Persian Gulf too.

پڙهندڙ نَسُل . پَ نَ

The Reading Generation

1960 جي ڏهاڪي ۾عبدالله حسين ” اُداس نسلين“ نالي ڪتاب لکيو. 70 واري ڏهاڪي ۾ وري ماڻِڪَ ”لُڙهندَڙ نَسُل“ نالي ڪتاب لکي پنهنجي دورَ جي عڪاسي ڪرڻ جي ڪوشش ڪئي. امداد حُسينيءَ وري 70 واري ڏهاڪي ۾ئي لکيو:

انڌي ماءُ ڄڻيندي آهي اونڌا سونڌا ٻارَ
ايندڙ نسل سَمورو هوندو گونگا ٻوڙا ٻارَ

هر دور جي نوجوانن کي اُداس، لُڙهندَڙ، ڪَڙهندڙ، ڪُڙهندڙ، ٻَرندڙ، ڄُرندڙ، ڪِرَندڙ، اوسيئڙو ڪَندَڙُ، ياڙي، ڪائو، ياڄوڪَڙُ، ڪاوڙيل ۽ وِڙهندڙ نسلن سان منسوب ڪري سَگهجي ٿو، پَر اسان اِنهن سيني وِچان ”**پڙهندڙ**“ نسل جا ڳولائو آهيون. ڪتابن کي ڪاڳر تان کڻي ڪمپيوٽر جي دنيا ۾ آڻڻ، ٻين لفظن ۾ برقي ڪتاب يعني e-books ٺاهي ورهائڻ جي وسيلي پڙهندڙ نسل کي وَڌڻ، ويجهَڻ ۽ هِڪَ ٻِئي کي ڳولي سَهڪاري تحريڪ جي رستي تي آڻِڻَ جي آسَ رکون ٿا.

پَڙهندڙ نَسل (پَـنَ) ڪا بہ تنظيمَ ناهي. اُنَ جو ڪو بہ صدر، عُهديدار يا پايو وِجهندڙ نہ آهي. جيڪڏهن ڪو بہ شخص اهڙي دعوىٰ ڪري ٿو تہ پَڪَ ڄاڻو تہ اُهو ڪُوڙو آهي. نہ ئي وري پَنَ جي نالي ڪي پئسا گڏ ڪيا ويندا. جيڪڏهن ڪو اهڙي ڪوشش ڪري ٿو تہ پَڪَ ڄاڻو تہ اُهو بہِ ڪُوڙو آهي.

جهڙيءَ طَرَح وٽن جا پَنَ ساوا، ڳاڙها، نيرا، پيلا يا ناسي هوندا آهن اهڙيءَ طرح پڙهندڙ نَسُل وارا پَنَ بہ مختَلِف آهن ۽ هوندا. اُهي ساڳئي ئي وقت اُداس ۽ پڙهندڙ، ہَرندڙ ۽ پڙهندڙ، سُست ۽ پڙهندڙ يا وِڙهندڙ ۽ پڙهندڙ بہ ٿي سگهن ٿا. بين لفظن ۾ پَنَ ڪا خُصوصيِ ۽ تالي لڳل ڪِلَب Exclusive Club نہ آهي.

ڪوشش اها هوندي تہ پَنَ جا سڀ ڪَم ڪار سَهڪاري ۽ رَضاڪار بنيادن تي ٿين، پر ممڪن آهي تہ ڪي ڪم اُجرتي بنيادن تي بہ ٿِين. اهڙي حالت ۾ پَنَ پاڻ هِڪَبِئي جي مدد ڪَرڻ جي اُصولَ هيٺ ڏي وَٺُ ڪندا ۽ غيرتجارتي non-commercial رهندا. پَنَن پاران ڪتابن کي ڊِجيِٽائِيز digitize ڪرڻ جي عَملَ مان ڪو بہ مالي فائدو يا نفعو حاصل ڪرڻ جي ڪوشش نہ ڪئي ويندي.

ڪتابن کي ڊِجيِٽائِيز ڪرڻ کان پو ٻيو اهم مرحلو وِرهائڻ distribution جو ٿيندو. اِهو ڪم ڪرڻ وارن مان جيڪڏهن ڪو پيسا ڪمائي سگهي ٿو تہ ڀلي ڪمائي، رُڳو پَنَن سان اُن جو ڪو بہ لاڳاپو نہ هوندو.

پَنَن کي ڪُليل اڪرن ۾ صلاح ڏجي ٿي تہ هو وَسَ پٽاندڙ وڌِ کان وَڌِ ڪتاب خريد ڪَري ڪتابن جي ليکڪَن، ڇپائيندڙن ۽ ڇاپيندڙن کي هِمٿائِن. پر ساڳئي وقت عِلم حاصل ڪرڻ ۽ ڄاڻ کي ڦهلائڻ جي ڪوشش دوران کَنهن بہ رُڪاوٽَ کي نہ مڃن.

شيخ اَيازَ علمَ، ڄاڻَ، سمجهہَ ۽ ڏاهپَ کي گيتَ، بيتَ، سِٽَ، پُڪارَ سان تَشبيهہ ڏيندي انهن سيني کي بَمن، گولين ۽ بارودَ جي مدِ مقابل بيهاريو آهي. اياز چوي ٿو تہ:

گيتَ بہِ ڄڻ گوريلا آهن، جي ويريءَ تي وار ڪَرن ٿا.

... ...

جئن جئن جاڙ وڌي ٿي جَڳَ ۾، هو ٻوليءَ جي آڙ ڇُپن ٿا؛
ريتيءَ تي راتاها ڪن ٿا، موتي مَنجهہِ پهاڙ ڇُپن ٿا؛

... ...

ڪالههَ هُيا جي سُرخ گُلن جيئن، اڄڪلهہ نيلا پيلا آهن؛
گيتَ بہِ ڄڻ گوريلا آهن........

... ...

هي بيتُ اَٿي، هي بَم- گولو،
جيڪي بہ ڪٽين، جيڪي بہ ڪٽين!
مون لاءِ ٻنهي ۾ فَرَقُ نہ آ، هي بيتُ بہ بَمَ جو ساٿي آ،
جنهن رِڻ ۾ رات ڪَيا راڙا، تنهن هَڏَ ۽ چَمَ جو ساٿي آ ـ

اِن حسابَ سان اڄڪلهہ جي پاڻَ تي اِهو سوچي مَڙهڻ تہ ”هاڻي ويڙهہ ۽ عمل جو دور آهي، اُن ڪري پڙهڻ تي وقت نہ وڃايو“ ناداني‌ءَ جي نشاني آهي.

پَنَن جو پڙهڻ عام ڪِتابي ڪيڙن وانگر رُڳو نِصابي ڪتابن تائين محدود نہ هوندو. رڳو نصابي ڪتابن ۾ پاڻ کي قيد ڪري ڇڏڻ سان سماج ۽ سماجي حالتن تان نظر ڪڇي ويندي ۽ نتيجي طور سماجي ۽ حڪومتي پاليسيون policies اڄڪلهہ ۽ نادانن جي هٿن ۾ رهنديون. پَنَ نِصابي ڪتابن سان گڏوگڏ ادبي، تاريخي، سياسي، سماجي، اقتصادي، سائنسي ۽ بين

ڪتابن ڪي پڙهي سماجي حالتن ڪي بهتر بنائڻ جي ڪوشش ڪندا.

پَڙهندڙ نَسُل جا پَنَ سيني ڪي **چوء چالاءِ ۽ ڪينئن** جهڙن سوالن ڪي هر بَيانَ تي لاڳو ڪرڻ جي ڪوٺَ ڏين ٿا ۽ انهن تي ويچار ڪرڻ سان گڏ جوابَ ڳولڻ ڪي نہ رڳو پنهنجو حق، پر فرض ۽ اٽل گهرج unavoidable necessity سمجهندي ڪتابن ڪي پاڻ پڙهڻ ۽ وڌ کان وڌ ماڻهن تائين پهچائڻ جي ڪوشش جديد ترين طريقن وسيلي ڪرڻ جو ويچار رکن ٿا.

توهان بہ پڙهڻ، پڙهائڻ ۽ ڦهلائڻ جي اِن سهڪاري تحريڪ ۾ شامل ٿي سگهو ٿا. بَس پنهنجي اوسي پاسي ۾ ڏِسو، هر قسم جا ڳاڙها توڙي نيرا، ساوا توڙي پيلا پن ضرور نظر اچي ويندا.

وڻ وڻ کي مون ڀاڪي پائي چيو تہ "منهنجا ياءُ
پهتو منهنجي من ۾ تنهنجي پَنَ پَنَ جو پڙلاءُ".
- اياز (ڪلهي پاتم ڪينرو)